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# Grand Lodge of Canada

In the Province of Ontario



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SEVENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE CITY

*of*

HAMILTON  
ONTARIO

JULY 15th and 16th, A.D. 1925, A. L. 5925



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# GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

## PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Point Ann, on Thursday the sixteenth day of October A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924.

There were present:

M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	as Grand Master
R.W. Bro. H. J. Clarke.....	as Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. S. Lazier.....	as Deputy Grand Master
W. Bro. W. C. Mikel.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson.....	as Grand Junior Warden
W. Bro. Rev. Frederick Mallott.....	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bros. Rev. A. S. Kerr and E. M. Baker.....	as Asst. Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn.....	as Grand Treasurer
W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Grand Secretary
W. Bro. J. Barlow.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. R. McCrudden.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Arthur McGie.....	as Grand Supt of Works
Bro. C. E. Hanna.....	as Grand Pursuivant
Bros. J. W. Thompson and R. D. Ponton.....	as Grand Stewards

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1.00 o'clock P.M., by the M.W. the acting Grand Master who announced that this Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the Corner Stone of the United Church at Point Ann.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper position at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE  
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Sixteenth day of October, A.D., 1924, A.L. 5924  
in the Fifteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious  
Sovereign

GEORGE V

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions be-  
yond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor  
of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Governor  
General of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G.,  
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson being Premier of the  
Province of Ontario.

Thomas H. Thompson, being member for the  
Constituency of East Hastings in the Parliament of the  
Dominion of Canada.

James F. Hill, being member for the Constituency of  
East Hastings in the Legislative Assembly of the Province  
of Ontario.

Charles Rollins being Warden of the County of  
Hastings.

W. C. Mikel, K.C., being Mayor of the City of  
Belleville.

M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Drope, being Grand Master of  
the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province  
of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Deputy Grand  
Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in  
the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Wm. W. Fitzgerald being District Deputy  
Grand Master of the Prince Edward Masonic District.



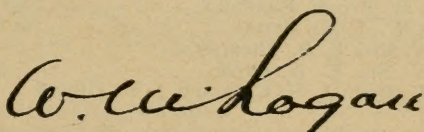
## THIS CORNER STONE

of the United Church was laid by M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and residents of the Village of Point Ann and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Past Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. C. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title "Grand Secretary".

Grand Secretary.

## GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M. OF CANADA

## In the Province of Ontario

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 PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Grimsby on Wednesday, the Twentieth day of May, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925.

There were present:

M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. F. R. Martin.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. C. T. Farrell.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. J. McGregor.....	as Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. W. H. Lyon.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. J. Pearson.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. M. Frampton.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. F. W. Pottenger.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro. F. Randall.....	as Director of Ceremonies
R.W. J. F. Mercer.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
W. Bro. E. B. Thompson.....	as Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. C. A. Payne.....	as Grand Sword Bearer
W. Bros. J. H. Culp and J. H. Gibson.....	as Grand Stewards

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock, p.m., by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new High School.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Supt. of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE  
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

on the 20th day of May, A.D., 1925, A.L. 5925, in the  
fifteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond  
the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of  
India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng, of Vimy, being Governor  
General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King being  
Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Harry Cockshutt being Lieutenant-  
Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. George H. Ferguson being Premier of the  
Province of Ontario.

James D. Chaplin being member for the Con-  
stituency of Lincoln in the Parliament of the Dominion  
of Canada.

Robert H. Kemp being member for the Con-  
stituency of West Lincoln in the Legislative Assembly of  
the Province of Ontario.

James A. Livingston, Esquire, being Mayor of the  
Town of Grimsby.

M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Drope, being Grand Master of  
the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province  
of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Deputy Grand  
Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in  
the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. John Forth being District Deputy Grand  
Master of the Hamilton "B" District, of the Grand  
Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of  
Ontario.



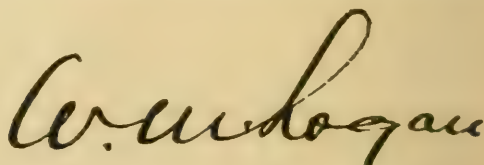
## THIS CORNER STONE

of the Grimsby High School was laid by M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Drope, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Town of Grimsby and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsman had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary".

Grand Secretary.

## GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M. OF CANADA

## In the Province of Ontario

## PROCEEDINGS

At the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Hamilton, Ontario, commencing Wednesday, July 15th, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925.

There were present:

## THE ACTING GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, on the Throne.

## THE ACTING DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson

R.W. Bro. A. J. Murray.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. N. P. Walsh.....	Grand Junior Warden
M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Kidd.....	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. R. L. Shriner.....	Grand Registrar

## PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, Hon. W. D. McPherson, W. H. Wardrope,  
F. W. Harcourt, Wm. N. Ponton

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bros. A. M. Taylor.....	Dryden
" John P. Temple.....	Brantford
" F. P. Walker.....	Tara
" C. R. Clements.....	Chatham
" T. W. Munro.....	Maxville
" Wm. C. Crozier.....	Kingston
" R. D. Keefe.....	Penetanguishene
" Samuel Patterson.....	Shelburne
" F. R. Martin.....	Hamilton
" John Forth.....	Hamilton
" J. Birnie Smith.....	London
" J. J. Wilson.....	Burk's Falls
" C. S. Bravin.....	Welland
" R. C. Dobie.....	Thessalon
" H. J. Jobb.....	Wingham

"	W. F. Rickard.....	Newcastle
"	E. J. McCleery.....	Ottawa
"	H. R. H. Kenner.....	Peterborough
"	W. W. Fitzgerald.....	Wellington
"	Wm. A. Graham.....	Inwood
"	Chas Aberhart.....	Seaforth
"	W. T. Ferguson.....	Smith's Falls
"	J. H. Burke.....	Port Stanley
"	T. E. Armstrong.....	Cobalt
"	Chas. S. Hall.....	Toronto
"	J. M. Malcolm.....	Toronto
"	J. G. McDonald.....	Aurora
"	L. E. Lane.....	Toronto
"	C. W. Burgoyne.....	Fenelon Falls
"	Max MacPherson.....	Delhi
"	A. H. Dalziel.....	Windsor

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

## GRAND LODGE OF

M.W. Bro.	Sir John M. Gibson.....	England
"	E. T. Malone.....	Ireland
R.W. Bro.	A. J. Young.....	Alberta
"	E. B. Brown.....	Toronto
"	Thos. Rowe.....	Prince Edward Is.
"	Thos. Shanks.....	Quebec
"	Lyman Lee.....	New South Wales
"	John Boyd.....	New Zealand
"	J. McC. Potts.....	Queensland
M.W. Bro.	J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia
R.W. Bro.	A. F. Webster.....	Tasmania
M.W. Bro.	Hon. W. D. McPherson.....	Victoria
R.W. Bro.	John Stevenson.....	Western Australia
"	F. K. Ebbitt.....	California
"	A. H. Dalziel.....	Colorado
"	Geo. H. Smith.....	Connecticut
"	G. H. Clendenan.....	Florida
"	R. F. Richardson.....	Idaho
M.W. Bro.	F. W. Harcourt.....	Illinois
R.W. Bro.	A. M. Cunningham.....	Indiana
"	R. H. Spencer.....	Kansas
"	H. C. Tugwell.....	Louisiana
"	J. B. Way.....	Maine
M.W. Bro.	W. H. Wardrope.....	Maryland
R.W. Bro.	Wm. N. Gatfield.....	Michigan
"	C. W. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
"	Geo. Naylor.....	Montana
"	Henry T. Smith.....	Nebraska
"	J. A. Cowan.....	New Hampshire
"	W. M. Logan.....	New York
"	W. S. Herrington.....	North Carolina
"	Geo. Moore.....	Ohio
"	J. G. Liddell.....	Oklahoma
"	K. J. Dunstan.....	Oregon
"	J. F. Reid.....	Rhode Island
"	J. C. Bartram.....	South Carolina



"	J. A. Rowland.....	South Dakota
"	A. J. Anderson.....	Tennessee
M.W. Bro.	Wm. N. Ponton.....	Texas
R.W. Bro.	W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington
"	Jos. Fowler.....	West Virginia
"	Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin
V.W. Bro.	R. K. Anderson.....	Grand Senior Deacon
"	Wm. J. Armstrong.....	Grand Junior Deacon
"	D. R. Gibson.....	Grand Supt of Works
"	G. M. Malone.....	Asst. Grand Secretary
"	Wm. J. J. Butler.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
"	Wm. J. Smith.....	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
"	J. E. Bilger.....	Asst. Grand Organist
"	Wm. E. Robson.....	Grand Pursuivant

## Grand Stewards:

V.W. Bros.	Wm. J. Cressey, N. C. McWhirter, John F. Miller, L. A. Smith, J. W. Thompson
W. Bro.	George Britton.....Grand Tyler

While the R.W. the Acting Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge were entering the Auditorium of the Memorial School appropriate music was rendered by the local orchestra and the delegates rising all joined in singing The Maple Leaf.

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON

His Worship, Mayor Thomas W. Jutten, Chief Magistrate of the City of Hamilton, was formally introduced, and was invited to the Grand East, where he addressed the Acting Grand Master as follows:

Right Worshipful Sir, Most Worshipful Sirs and Brethren:—I can assure you it is an honor and a privilege to attend this gathering this morning and extend to you the courtesy of the city of Hamilton. We greatly appreciate the honor you have paid to the city of Hamilton, and we are very much interested in the order which you represent throughout Canada. We have reason to feel proud that Hamilton is the preferred place of meeting for the Grand Lodge of Canada. I have been looking up the records and find that in 1855 the first Grand Lodge meeting was held at the corner of John and Main streets, in our city. I strongly urge the gentlemen present here to look that building over and see the kind of structure that Hamilton Masons used to meet in. The building is now used by Mr. John Reche as a drug store. At that time no one thought Hamilton would hold the proud

position in the industrial world she holds to-day. There is scarcely anything in the homes of our citizens which could not be produced here. We have very large manufacturing plants here producing all that is required in the construction or the equipment of your homes. We are proud of Hamilton and think we have a most beautiful city, the most beautiful city in Canada—though Canada has many beautiful cities and beautiful homes. In going back to the history of the city and the state of the Masonic Grand Lodge of 1855, I find at that time Hamilton and the surrounding districts had a membership of about 200 members, while the population of Hamilton was about 24,100 people. To-day we find that the Lodges of the city of Hamilton, not including the surrounding districts as in 1855, have a membership of about 6,000 and Hamilton has a population of about 123,000. So that, while the population has increased nearly five times you have increased about thirty times over. That is a pretty good showing. It will not be many years, at that rate, before every male citizen of Hamilton who has the necessary qualifications will be a member of the Masonic Order in the city of Hamilton. The Mayor of Hamilton of 1855 happened to be the presiding officer of the Lodge. It goes to show that the foundation laid at the formation of the city and the building up of industry here lay in the hands of men who had taken an active part in Masonry. It is interesting to note the difference in conditions which existed in those days and those prevailing to-day. This school building is about two and a-half miles from the place where the Grand Lodge was held at that time. To get from the one to the other you would have had to pass through tollgates. We could not have extended the freedom of the city then as we can to-day, when there are no tollgates. Hamilton has advanced from the stage when tollgates were in use. It is not necessary to-day to unlock the gate and let you in.

We extend to you a hearty welcome and the freedom of the city while you are here. We hope you will enjoy yourselves and take away a happy recollection of the Grand Lodge meeting of 1925, and we feel satisfied that we will all be better served from your meeting in the city of Hamilton. I know you have a long program and have lots to do. I am not going to take up any further

time, but again thank you for holding your Grand Lodge meeting here, and hope it will not be long before you return and pay us another compliment. (Cheers).

R.W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, who attended the Mayor as representative of the Hamilton Board of Education then said:

Right Worshipful Sir, Most Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, In the absence of Mr. Burnside Russell, I have been asked to extend a welcome to you, seeing that you are met in one of the public schools of the city to-day. When the request came from the committee for the use of this school, not only was it unanimously granted, but every member of the staff was asked to assist in every possible way in making your stay here a pleasant one, and to make you each individually as comfortable as possible. You meet to-day in our Memorial School. This school was erected in 1918, but only during this vacation is it being decorated. The tablets which you see at the various pillars represent the names of 1,800 valiant men of Hamilton who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. We are making this a piece of our decorative scheme which is being carried out here. So you are meeting to-day in a building which speaks of the services of many brothers of the Craft who laid down their lives for freedom and liberty.

Education and Masonry always go hand in hand, and throughout this province of Ontario I know the Boards of Education—the School Boards—are composed largely of Masons. We ask you to-day that, if any of you are interested in our school system, you will get what information you want. This school is run on what is known as the "Rotary" system. We take 20 per cent. more pupils with the same number of teachers through that system, which is a great economy. There are two other schools to which we invite you—the Delta Collegiate, a quarter of a mile from here, is said to be the last word in such an institute. The Technical Institute is operating at the present time with a number of classes and may prove of interest to you who are interested in technical education. I shall conclude by extending to you, one and all, the best wishes and the heartiest welcome from the Board of Education of the city of Hamilton. I thank you. (Cheers).

The Acting Grand Master responded to these addresses:

Mr. Mayor and R.W. Bro. Cunningham: May I, on behalf of Grand Lodge, express to you our very sincere appreciation of the kindly welcome you have extended to us in this Grand Masonic assembly in the city of Hamilton? We are conscious of the fact that our Grand Lodge has indeed grown to great proportions, and we are in danger of becoming somewhat of a nuisance to our friends, because we, almost of necessity, impose a very great strain upon the generous hospitality of the Masons who entertain us—even in the largest centres. We appreciate the words you have spoken here this morning; but the constant attentions which have been shown to us since our arrival bear even more eloquent testimony of the sincerity of your welcome to us.

We congratulate you, Mr. Mayor, on the growth and progress of the city of Hamilton. As Canadians, we are all proud of your city. As a loyal citizens of your friendly rival on the shores of Ontario, may I be permitted to remind you that you have one defect? It has always seemed to me that the Mountain is where the Bay should be, and the Bay is where the Mountain should be. (Laughter). When I was a youngster I was taught to say “up north” and “down south.” It is as deeply imbedded in my system as the Shorter Catechism of Past Grand Master Wardrope and the 39 articles of Past Grand Master Harcourt. (Laughter). When, therefore, I was instructed to proceed “up south” to the Mountain I began to wonder if the Ontario Temperance Act is rightly observed in this city. (Laughter).

We appreciate sincerely the courtesy of the Board of Education in placing at our disposal this magnificent building. There is no surer indication of the spirit and progress of the city than the attention given to matters of education, and as Masons we particularly congratulate you on having a building of this sort in your city, dedicated to this purpose. For, as you have truly said, the spirit of Masonry is, in fact, the spirit of education. Brethren, we thank you again for your words of love. We are sure we shall enjoy our stay among you. And may we express the hope that we may again be invited at no too distant a date, to once more place a strain upon your hospitality? (Cheers).

His Worship, the Mayor, then retired from the auditorium.



## FIRST DAY

### GRAND LODGE OPENED

A Constitutional number of lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at ten o'clock in the forenoon and the Grand Chaplain asked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave permission to all Masons in good standing to enter and occupy the side seats.

Following are the names of those present:

**No. 2, Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake.** W. Bros. J. H. Brown, W.M.; C. W. Inksater, W. E. Lee, P.Ms.; Bro. G. W. Irvine, S.W.

**No. 3, Anct. St. John's, Kingston.** W. Bros. W. J. C. Allen, W.M.; W. H. Gimblett, P.M.

**No. 5, Sussex, Brockville.** W. Bros. S. C. H. Horton, W.M.; A. H. Gilham, P.M.

**No. 6, Barton, Hamilton.** W. Bro. J. W. Hamilton, W.M.; R.W. Bros. Geo. Moore, J. G. Gauld, V.W. Bros. W. H. Davis, Geo. Ross, D. R. Gibson, W. Bros. J. W. Sutherland, S. H. Lees, F. B. Ross, C. E. Cameron, G. W. Wills, R. B. Griffiths, J. J. Evel, E. B. O'Reilly, A. P. Goering, F. Johnston, J. J. Stewart, W. E. Henderson, P.Ms.; Bro. R. H. Gapes, S.W.; Bro. B. O. Hooper, J.W.

**No. 7, Union, Grimsby.** W. Bro. W. M. Stewart, W.M.; R.W. Bro. C. T. Farrell; V.W. Bros. M. Frampton, W. F. Randall; W. Bros. J. E. Scott, R. Wismer, D. Allan, G. B. McConachie, P.Ms.

**No. 9, Union, Napanee.** W. Bro. E. L. Deline, W.M.; R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, V.W. Bro. J. W. Thompson, P.Ms.

**No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe.** W. Bro. A. R. Smith, W.M.; R.W. Bro. H. A. Johnson; W. Bros. L. F. Aiken, J. H. Shaw, P.Ms.

**No. 11, Moira, Belleville.** W. Bro. A. E. Barlow, W.M.; R.W. Bro. John Newton; W. Bros. J. W. Barlow, H. J. Hall, P.Ms.

**No. 14, True Britons, Perth.** W. Bro. F. V. Buffam, P.M. and Proxy.

**No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines.** W. Bro. Chas. G. Burch, W.M.; Bros. A. Dean, S.W.; S. Kearns, J.W.; W. Bros. G. H. Ruddle, A. T. Riddell, Geo. Burch, E. W. Smith, F. E. Moore, A. A. Henderson, Geo. E. Burch, E. Coates, P. C. Miller, H. O'Loughlin, C. F. Monk, W. T. Dean, F. C. McCordick, P.Ms.

**No. 16, St. Andrew's, Toronto.** W. Bro. Chas. S. Mallett, W. M.; Bros. P. L. Fraser, S.W.; B. J. Miller, J.W.; R.W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, J. S. Lovell, Geo. Tait, J. W. Watson, J. A. Graham,

J. H. Dunlop; V. W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, John Pearson, C. E. Edmonds, J. W. Rogers, W. Lawrence, W. G. Price, L. J. Clark; W. Bros. R. W. Doan, B. N. Davis, L. H. Luke, W. T. Giles, G. M. Ritchie, J. R. Bulmer, S. B. Sinclair, E. F. Walker, R. E. Patterson, W. E. Struthers, J. S. A. Whealy, W. R. Scott, W. F. Ronald, G. C. Kirby, P.Ms.

**No. 17, St. John's, Cobourg.** W. Bro. J. F. McCullaugh, P.M. and Proxy. R.W. Bro. E. J. Wormington, P.M.

**No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton.** W. Bro. Jas. Wright, W.M.; W. Bro. J. H. Colden, P.M.

**No. 20, St. John's London.** W. Bro. W. G. Young, W.M. R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, P.M.

**No. 21A, St. John's, Vankleek Hill.** W. Bro. John Hartley, W.M.

**No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto.** W. Bro. W. H. Hoare, P.M. and Proxy; R.W. Bro. John Tanner; W. Bros. D. McDonald, W. H. Roberts, J. McL. Hartley, E. A. Dolson, P.Ms.

**No. 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill.** W. Bro. A. L. Phipps, W.M.; R.W. Bros. J. H. Dunlop, H. A. Nicholls, W. H. Legge; V.W. Bro. T. A. Lamon; W. Bros. H. H. Lang, F. J. Graham, P.Ms.

**No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls.** W. Bro. E. Jackson, W.M.; Bro. J. R. Drew, J.W.

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## ADDRESS BY

### M. W. BRO. SIR JOHN M. GIBSON

M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson arose and addressed the Acting Grand Master as follows:

R.W. Sir: Occupying as I do to-day a purely nominal position in Grand Lodge, it affords me the utmost pleasure to justify myself by getting on my feet to in-

troduce a brother to Grand Lodge who is not a member of Grand Lodge and is not very high up in the fraternity, but who is a good private in the ranks of one of the Lodges I refer to Brother Adam Brown. (Cheers). It is a great pleasure, as well as honor, to be associated with his reception here to-day. Forty, or fifty, or sixty years ago, and I think it is over sixty—I am sure it is over sixty years ago, when I was a boy going to school in this city, striving to work my way, I well recollect Brother Adam Brown, who was a trustee of the School Board, coming up to Central School to see what we were doing, and how we were getting on, and all that sort of thing, on a Queen's birthday. We were presented on such occasions with oranges, and I received an orange from Brother Brown on the Central School land sixty or seventy years ago. That orange has gone (laughter), but the donor of it here appears to me as young to-day as he did then. (Hear, hear.) Of course, no one pretty well up in years—say thirty or forty years of age—ever appears to a schoolboy anything but an awfully old man. He appeared to me that way then. On the other hand, there is no one who, during all that interval, has been more closely connected with the affairs of the city of Hamilton no one better known by its people, or who has made a more useful record in all that is good in this community than Brother Adam Brown. (Cheers.) It would take the rest of the forenoon to say all I could say of a complimentary nature regarding our brother. He has no right on this platform; he is only a private in the ranks of Masonry; but his age, his record as a man, a gentleman—a great man—his longevity, his good looks (hear, hear) entitle him to all the honor that we as a Grand Lodge can pay him. (Cheers).

Brother Adam Brown (who was received by all rising and giving three cheers and a tiger). Worshipful Sir, I have received a very high honor indeed to have been paid the compliment of being invited to this meeting to-day. Before saying what I intend to say, I want to tell you another story about Central School. I had forgotten about the oranges—perhaps he got two—but I want to say in connection with any public work I have had to do in Hamilton I am prouder than anything else of being chairman of the water works. Those works were opened by the Prince of Wales (the late King Ed-

ward VII). I had the honor of presenting an address to him on that occasion. A sort of inspiration seized me the day before and I went to Central School and saw the principal. I said: "I want you to indicate to me the most promising boy you have in this school, so that that boy may turn the first tap." Whom do you think he named? (Pointing to Sir John Gibson). How correct he was in his judgment is seen in all the public work he has done in his career. These show that the principal was right.

In looking into your faces I feel prouder than ever that I am a Canadian. I feel when I think of our great privilege in having organizations such as this, whose foundation-stones are purity and right and goodness, the country will be safe for all time. It is such organizations as this that make the strength of the nation. A good Mason is a good citizen, and so long as Canada has a body of men to take the places of those who went before them, you may be sure the country is safe. Great men have preceded you in this Order. Their mantles are still to fall on some of you yet. See that you do all honor to their names. Never let them pass from your memory—those who have given up their lives to secure this country to us. Never shall Canada forget these great men.

We have a great country; a great destiny awaits Canada. No country has this country's opportunity for advancement. Of course, there must be labor. I think this is the greatest time in the world's history. We do not want men who are idle. We are here, not to dream, but to do.

"There's gold in the old farm yet, boys,  
"But you've got to shovel it out."

If you want more flowers, you must plant more seed. You cannot do anything without labor, but labor is ennobling. You may not be a hero, but there is lots of noble work to do. You may not be a leader, but be a good follower. If you cannot be an engineer, be a stoker. So live that when you have passed away the country will feel it has been the better for your living in it. This country of ours is, perhaps, in the eyes of the world to-day the most noted. Did you see in the papers



the other day that a man who came out to this country fifteen years ago carried off all the prizes for wheat? He has been in Saskatchewan only about ten years, and he has now been crowned the Wheat King of the World! A great destiny awaits this country. It is for all of us—no matter what our particular creed or our politics may be—to march shoulder to shoulder, and not to consider petty fogging politics in the advancement of the country. I am proud to say one of the best friends I have got in the city, whom I would not swop for any other, is this friend on my right—and I never voted for him. (Laughter). Yet I would give my greatest confidence to Sir John Gibson.

There has been a little said—and I do not believe half has been said—about the flag of Canada; but nobody had better touch that question. The Union Jack! The stainless flag of your fathers! (Cheers). If there is anything like a bold movement to take its place, I call upon the tongue of the whole land to swear by your flag again!—raise it most high and nail it to the mast rather than that it should be put down. (Cheers).

“You may say it’s an old bit of bunting,  
You may call it an old coloured rag;  
But freedom has made it majestic,  
And time has ennobled the flag!”

May this organization render more and more service to the country. Banish everything that tends to hamper. Protect the right as you go through life. Get on the sunny side, and go through life with a song. The singer may be forgotten, but the song will not be. I am delighted to be here, to be connected with a body of men so thoroughly rooted in the foundations of their principles. Let us raise our voices for every British connection in the strongest terms. “One throne, one Empire, one Flag—Britain before all.” (Cheers).

Deputy Grand Master Rowland—The brethren, I am sure, are very grateful to Brother Adam Brown for visiting us and we shall ever remember the noble and inspiring message which he has spoken during these last few minutes.

Past Grand Master Sir John Gibson.—Brother Brown left out a fact which I might state. It is rather interesting. He is just about on the verge of his hundredth birthday. You all know what a good citizen and a good man this brother has been during this hundred years, let us all hope that during his second hundred years—(completion of sentence drowned in laughter and cheers).

Past Grand Master Ponton—May I be permitted to ask you to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge to the son of Mr. Adam Brown, Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, Sir George MacLaren Brown, just appointed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught?

Deputy Grand Master Rowland—Brother Brown, will you accept that worthy commission on our behalf.

Brother Brown, on leaving the platform—"God bless you all."

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE LODGES OF THE HAMILTON DISTRICTS A AND B

A deputation from the Craft in the Hamilton districts was then introduced and formally received. The Masters, who represented the thirty-one lodges of the two districts, were invited to the dais, where R.W.Bro. W. F. Montague, read the following address of welcome, which was signed by all the Worshipful Masters of Districts A and B.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, W. J. Drope, M.A., Grand Lodge Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.  
Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

We, the Worshipful Masters of the thirty-one lodges of the Hamilton Masonic Districts, extend to you a hearty welcome and fraternal greetings on behalf of ourselves and our brethren on the occasion of your presence here on this the Seventieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

You, Most Worshipful Sir, we heartily congratulate on your achievements during the past two years. We among whom you have dwelt, who have known you so intimately and learned to love you so deeply, have felt a personal pride in the pre-eminent manner in which you have filled your exalted position. Under your guidance our ancient traditions have lost nothing of their mystic potency; brotherly love and good fellowship have flourished and expanded throughout your jurisdiction, law and order have ever prevailed, and the ideals and visions of our ancient brethren have been made clearer, and brought nearer by your sound logic and scholarly eloquence. Your unsparing industry in the interests of our Order, builded truly and well on the foundations laid by the great Masons who have preceded you in this office, has resulted in a phenomenal growth and prosperity.

When Grand Lodge met here in 1905, two short decades ago, there were 391 lodges with a membership of 35,000. When Grand Lodge again honored us with its presence in 1915, it consisted of 445 lodges with a membership of 59,000. To-day there are 542 lodges with a membership of 105,000. The Hamilton districts are now made up of thirty-one lodges with a membership of 9,770. In 1924 there were enrolled in this district 834 Master Masons. And furthermore in these young brethren, the desire to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow creatures.

The Masons of this district have been and are proud of their connections with Grand Lodge. In 1855 the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was instituted in this city in the old hall at the corner of Main and John Streets. Its Annual Communication has been held here eleven times. It celebrated its first, thirtieth, fiftieth and sixtieth, and is now celebrating its seventieth anniversary here. Its head office has always been here and has been in charge of such eminent stalwarts as T. B. Harris, J. J. Mason, Hugh Murray, R. L. Gunn and W. M. Logan.

This district is justly proud of the men whom Grand Lodge has from time to time seen fit to select from it for the position of Grand Master. Most Wor. Bro. Hugh

Murray, Most Wor. Bro. Sir. John Gibson, Most Wor. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson, Most Wor. Bro. A. T. Freed, Most Wor. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K. C. and Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, M.A., are the names which always stimulate our zeal and rouse our enthusiasm for Masonry.

To the members of Grand Lodge, as you begin your important deliberations, we wish to convey our confidence in the great future which we believe lies before you and in your wisdom, tact, prudence and unselfishness. In your efforts to relieve the sufferings of humanity and to promote progress and peace we humbly join and to you Most Wor. Sir. and to the Members of Grand Lodge, we wish health, happiness and prosperity.

Deputy Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Brother Montague and Brethren: We have listened with great interest and pleasure to the address which you have presented on behalf of the several Lodges in the city of Hamilton. We appreciate the assurance which you have given us. As you have said, we are to-day celebrating our 70th Communication—over 70 years of growth throughout the province. We believe we have attained a position as a Grand Lodge of which we may feel justly proud. And if I am correct in that statement it is due greatly to the fact that the Masons throughout the Lodges which go to make up this Grand Lodge have been unfailing in their loyalty to Grand Lodge and the officers of Grand Lodge. May we be permitted to associate ourselves with the very kindly reference you have made to Most Worshipful Brother Drope. For the past two years he has given to us of the best that is in him. He has served faithfully and well. Speaking as Deputy Grand Master, and one who has been very intimately associated with him during that period, I can assure you that the memory of that association during those years is one of the finest memories of my Masonic career. Right Worshipful Sir, we join with you in praying that the Great Giver of All Good may deal kindly with him in the days that are ahead of us, and, if it be His will, that He will restore him to his old-time energy. On behalf of Grand Lodge, I thank you for what you have said.



The Grand Secretary read a communication from Grand Master W. J. Drope, conveying greetings and regrets that he could not be present.

Most Wor. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.—Right Worshipful Sir, it gives me a very great deal of pleasure, and I esteem it a very high honor, to have been asked to introduce to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Most Worshipful Brother Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. (Cheers). Without knowing anything of Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell, he will be received with the greatest enthusiasm on account of the historic Grand Lodge which he represents. But personally having had on several occasions an opportunity of testing Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell, I assure you he is not only a Mason, but a man (cheers)—of great physical endurance. (Laughter). We are going to have the honor to-night of hearing an address from Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell, and therefore I do not require to say more than that the brethren of this Grand Lodge will accord Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell the greatest honor that the Grand Lodge can bestow. Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell is accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Frank Hilton, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and all I have said about Grand Master Ferrell will apply to Grand Marshal Hilton, because I have tested him too (laughter), and the more you know these brethren the more highly you will esteem them, not only because they have all the Masonic attributes, but because they are very distinguished men in that part of the United States which they represent. It is with very great pleasure, therefore, that I introduce them to Grand Lodge at this time.

Grand Master D. H. Ferrell.—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren: After the very happy experience that we had two years ago meeting with our brethren of Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, we could not resist the urge of the invitation we received this year. Right Worshipful Sir, I thank you, the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, for the great courtesy which you extended to us at this time. There is only one regret that I had in this instance—it is a regret shared by

every Mason here—and that is that I cannot see upon this platform that one whom the Grand Lodge has honored because of his outstanding abilities by conferring upon him the distinguished honor of Grand Master. This Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate in having a man of such personal attractiveness and such capability as Most Worshipful Brother Drope to lead it. I pay him a tribute of respect and affection and to him, I know, the feelings of our heart to-day—of the hearts of those who come from Massachusetts—will go out, and those feelings will reach him, and he will know that the gratitude of the Lodge is given, and of you, the officers and members.

Deputy Grand Master Rowland:—I am going to ask Most Worshipful Brother R. F. Anderson, who enjoys the double distinction of being a member of our own Jurisdiction and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to introduce the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Past Grand Master Anderson.—I feel it a peculiar pleasure and privilege to be present on this occasion. This is an event, I believe, without a parallel in the history of your Grand Jurisdiction: I was born under the Union Jack; by adoption I am now under the Stars and Stripes, a citizen of the United States. In my boyhood days, spent in Sarnia, I had the honor of being made an honorary member of St. Paul Lodge, No. 601, in this Grand Jurisdiction, giving me the right to vote at this Communication, and I prize it most highly. It was, therefore, a pleasure to receive an invitation to this Communication, accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother Arthur J. Fox, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Grand Master Arthur J. Fox.—It is indeed a pleasure to bring to the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario greetings of warm friendship and brotherly love from 145,000 Masons, from the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan. I appreciate the courtesy you have extended to me and, above all, most highly value the introduction from my own good friend and brother, Past Master Anderson. I shall certainly enjoy my visitation with you here to-day, and I sincerely hope that at our

Annual Communication in May at Kalamazoo I shall have the pleasure of receiving a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Ontario. Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you. (Cheers).

Deputy Grand Master Rowland called upon Wor. Brother Thomas Shanks to present "the daughter of the household"—the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks.—I happen to be the official representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and in my official capacity and as a private member of this Grand Lodge, also, I have much pleasure in presenting to you Most Worshipful Brother W. W. Williamson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and present Grand Secretary. (Cheers.) You will recognize, brethren, that, although I have represented Grand Lodge of Quebec ten years, I have not burdened you with many official reports. That fact is an indication that everything is going well. There are no difficulties. I am glad to say all our difficulties with the Province of Quebec we adjusted Masonically over half a century ago. As a humble Masonic student, I may say I never thought we treated Quebec quite right on that occasion.

As a Mason and as a golfer, I have known Most Worshipful Brother Williamson for some years. A man who remains a good Mason and still plays golf has some outstanding qualifications. (Laughter.) I think I have been somewhat criticized perhaps by the brethren of our own jurisdiction for not having visited the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but I have visited other Lodges along the Ottawa River. You know some of the delegates who visited Ottawa are placed under some suspicion. In this connection I will tell you a story. A certain gentleman was losing a great many of his chickens, and a colored gentleman was found one night in his chicken coop and arrested and taken before the magistrate. He protested very vigorously that he was innocent; but the magistrate said, as a conclusive kind of argument: "But, if you are innocent, what were you doing in the chicken coop?" "Well, Jedge," replied the black man, "I was jest testing my will power." (Laughter). When I go to Quebec I am testing my will power, but I am sure I should not test it too often. I have much pleasure in

introducing to you Most Worshipful Brother W. W. Williamson, representing the Grand Master of Quebec.

Most Wor. Bro. W. W. Williamson:—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I am afraid the introducer has given me a slightly false character. I never played golf in my life; I have tried to play a good many seasons, but I have never succeeded. I would like to say something, however, about the game of golf. They have several golf clubs in Ottawa. The frequenters of these clubs visualized the situation which would arise in a few years, and placed them on the right bank of the river. They are all in the Province of Quebec. Some of the golf clubs, they tell me, have considered the advisability of moving the clubs up into Quebec. I do not know what truth there may be in that; but it has nothing to do with the specific purpose of my visit here. I am here under somewhat false pretences. Our Grand Master was to have been present with us to-day, and I was to be here as a satellite of his. It has been impossible for him to get away, however, for business reasons. So the very pleasant duty has fallen on me of conveying the greetings of the small Province of Quebec. This Grand Lodge is the mother of the Grand Lodges, I take it, and we are one of her fortunate children. The consideration we have always received from this Grand Lodge is great.

It may interest you to know that, while our numbers are small, there are, in spite of all the difficulties by which we are surrounded, 15,000 Masons in the Province of Quebec. It was never dreamed we could reach that number. We are going ahead far beyond our expectations, and I see no reason why we should not continue to prosper. I can only say I endorse all the felicitous remarks which preceding speakers have made in connection with our reception to-day, and I join with them in extending the deepest sympathy of Quebec with Grand Master Drope, who is a Master in every respect. I am sure it will be a blow to our province to know he was not able to preside here to-day. We know him intimately.

I hope you will continue to prosper in the future, as in the past. (Cheers.)



The Rules of Order were then read by the Grand Secretary, who began also to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its Sixty-ninth Annual Communication, held in the City of Toronto on the 16th and 17th days of July, 1924, having been printed and copies thereof having been distributed to the constituent lodges, the same be taken as read and be now confirmed.

## LETTERS

Letters expressing regret at being unable to attend were read from the M.W. Grand Masters of Quebec, Manitoba and Pennsylvania.

The acting Grand Master then said:

Deputy Grand Master Rowland.—Before I present the address of the Grand Master, will you allow me to say one or two words by way of explanation? Although the health of Grand Master Drope has been very uncertain for the past six months or more, up to a fortnight ago he fully expected, and we all hoped, he would be able to take his place at this Communication. It was only then that we thought his place must be taken by the Deputy Grand Master. He had not been able to make very much progress in the preparation of the annual address. The address I am about to read now is, to a considerable extent, the production of the Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Master. Let me say, however, that the address should express—and we believe does express—the sentiments of the Worshipful Grand Master. The manuscript has been submitted to him and received his approval. If you feel we have not given as comprehensive a review of his work as he might wish, and not dealt as ably and satisfactorily with the subjects as he would have done, let me ask you to remember that the address was prepared under some difficulty and great pressure.

**GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS, 1925**

My Brethren:—

It gives me unalloyed pleasure to meet you here in such numbers, at this Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. Satisfaction and pride fill my heart when I review in mind the continued growth and prosperity of our beloved institution and reflect that now at the end of this year we have seen throughout the whole jurisdiction that devotion to Masonic principles, that energy in the cause of Freemasonry and in all for which Masonry stands, and, above all, that blessing upon our labors which we pray for and owe to the Great Architect of the Universe.

For another and an especial reason should we be the more delighted to join in this annual gathering and to share in its work and its pleasures, because we are again meeting in the birth-place of this Grand Lodge. Seventy years ago there was held in this city a convention of delegates deputed to consider the expediency of establishing an independent Grand Lodge of Canada. At that convention, held in the fall of 1855, the forty-one lodges there represented formally constituted themselves, "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada," and solemnly declared its objects, "to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, establish order, ensure tranquillity, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges." How those purposes and hopes have been realized and fulfilled all of you understand who know the history of our Craft in this jurisdiction. As some one has said, it is hard for the Mason of to-day, who has known no other conditions and surroundings than those which he enjoys and who can in imagination only catch a faint breath of the atmosphere in which lived his predecessors of seventy years ago, to realize the vast difference between now and then in all those intangible advantages which we possess and they lacked. But all can clearly see many of those outward and arresting signs of Masonry's advance, an advance which has not stopped or lagged but has continued through these years with steady and unswerving pace.

In growth of numbers, although this is not always a reliable index of real prosperity, our progress has been marked. The forty-one lodges of our institution have become five hundred and forty-six, with others on the way; the fifteen hundred Masons of that day have become over one hundred and seven thousand to-day. Hundreds of spacious, comfortable halls and rooms are evidences of the interest and pride which we take in our Masonic homes; splendid and still more splendid fittings and settings for our ritualistic work attest the eager desire of the brethren to perfect the beauties of our litany by appropriate surroundings. Our financial strength has also grown apace. When first our Grand Lodge treasurer displayed with pardonable exultation a balance sheet with total income of about four hundred dollars and three hundred dollars as the year's expense, the rulers of the Craft in 1856, while without doubt congratulating themselves upon the careful management of their funds, would hardly in their wildest dreams have guessed that in 1925 the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge would show an income of nearly \$150,000.00 and disbursements of nearly \$140,000.00 of which almost \$108,000.00 has gone to the relief of the needy and distressed.

So I might go on to draw in more detail the comparison between the things which were theirs and the things which are ours. But I have said enough to prove, I think, that all of us should have a special interest in this assembly, meeting as it does in the place where we were born.

## OUR GUESTS

On your behalf I feel a peculiar pleasure in welcoming to this meeting the Grand Masters and others who honor us with their presence as representatives of their Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, eldest sister of all Grand Lodges in this Western Hemisphere, the Grand Master of Quebec, nearest and most intimate relation of our Canadian family, these we welcome together with their noble retinue. To the Grand Master of the State of Michigan we extend a special word of welcome, for it was a Past Grand Master of that State who seventy years ago first consecrated this Grand Lodge and installed its

first Grand Master. I feel that this year we are eminently blessed in the visitors who have come to us.

## OUR DEAD

The Grim Reaper is always busy somewhere near. As a great poet once said: "Even as is the race of leaves, so is the race of men; for some the wind scatters on the ground and others the tree maturing puts forth when the spring time comes on. So of men the one springs up and the other dies away." Since last you heard our death roll three of our Grand Masters have learned the great secret. M.W. Brother A. T. Freed died in the early fall last year and this spring M. W. Brother W. R. White and M.W. Brother John E. Harding bade us a long farewell. The Committee which reports upon our Fraternal Dead will portray to you more fully the lives and characters of our illustrious brethren, but it is fitting that I should here record our sadness in the loss of these golden links between the past and present and our thankfulness that we enjoyed so long their life and service. A. T. Freed, beloved of all who knew him, cheery and gentle, whose literary work is a model of its kind; W. R. White, whose legal learning and wide experience made him most valuable to this Grand body and yet with all his lore a delightful comrade with an inexhaustible store of reminiscence; Judge Harding, of judicial mind and keen insight, yet better known to Masons for his charitable heart, whose greatest monument perhaps is our Semi-centennial Benevolent fund—these three men we shall not soon forget. Their names are written in gold on the tablets of our memory.

## STATISTICS

The Register of the Grand Lodge now contains 546 lodges of which 538 are warranted and 8 are under dispensation. Dispensations have been granted during the year for the institution of the following: Hatherly, at Sault Ste. Marie; Manitou, at Emo; Stamford, at South End; Pelee, at Scudder on Pelee Island; Glenrose at Elmira; Grenville, at Toronto; Prince of Wales, at Toronto; Long Branch, at Mimico.



Our membership at this date is estimated at about 107,000 showing an increase over last year of approximately 4,000, a healthy and normal advance.

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

For the fiscal year which ended May 31st, 1925, our total receipts from lodges and investments were.....

Last year.....

\$143,769 00

141,434 00

Increase.....

\$2,335 00

Expenditure this year on General Account.....

\$31,366 00

Last year.....

37,225 00

Decrease.....

5,859 00

Cash Balance, May 31st, 1924.....

\$18,281 00

Receipts for year.....

143,769 00

Debentures matured.....

5,143 00

Total.....

\$167,193 00

This amount was disposed of as follows:

Expended on General Account.....

\$31,366 00

Grants for Benevolence from General Account.....

102,900 00

Invested in Debentures and Bonds.....

14,523 00

Cash Balance, May 31st, 1925.....

18,404 00

Total.....

\$167,193 00

### BENEVOLENCE

Expended in Grants last year.....

\$102,275 00

Expended this year.....

107,720 00

Increase.....

\$5,445 00

### ASSETS

General Fund, 1924.....

\$320,260 00

Semi-centennial Fund, 1924.....

104,637 00

\$424,897 00

General Fund, 1925.....

\$329,740 00

Semi-centennial Fund, 1925.....

104,856 00

\$434,596 00

An increase in our assets of.....

\$9,699 00

## BYLAWS

In the past twelve months I have confirmed the by-laws of twenty-one lodges and have approved of amendments to by-laws of one hundred and twenty-eight lodges.

## DEDICATIONS

Seventeen lodges have been dedicated according to our beautiful ceremonial. At several of these I officiated, and where I found it impossible to go, I always found the District Deputy Grand Master willing and ready to act in my stead.

## WARRANTS

Pursuant to the decision of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication I have issued Warrants of Constitution to the following lodges and they have been duly constituted and consecrated:

Frontenac Lodge, at Sharbot Lake.

Doric Lodge, at Kirkland Lake;

Lorne Lodge, at Chapleau;

Dereham Lodge, at Mount Elgin.

## CORNERSTONES

Two Cornerstones have been laid under the auspices and with the ceremonies of Grand Lodge. M.W. Brother W. N. Ponton, Immediate Past Grand Master, was good enough to represent me in officiating at the laying of the cornerstone of the United church at Pointe Anne, on October 16th, 1924; and I myself took great pleasure in laying the cornerstone of a new Collegiate Institute in my own town of Grimsby on May 20th, 1925.

## DISPENSATIONS

Many dispensations have been granted by me, of which the greater number were to hold special meetings of lodges for installations and divine service. Under section 181a of the Constitution I have allowed a number

of lodges to receive applications from men who were physically imperfect. In this regard I have followed the practice of my immediate predecessors but I am of the growing opinion that the privilege is open to abuse and that there is an apparent tendency to undue laxity, and while I would not presume to dictate a policy to my successors, I believe that the change in the Constitution made in 1919 was brought about mainly in the interest of the deserving men who had seen war service and that the extension of the permissive clause to others would be better narrowed.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Confirmation of appointment as our Grand Representatives to foreign jurisdictions has been made in accordance with the recommendation of the respective Grand Lodges:

R.W. Bro. James C. Jones, Halifax, to Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

W. Bro. Roy C. McLean, Souris, to Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R.W. Bro. C. P. Taylor, Atlanta, to Grand Lodge of Georgia.

R.W. Bro. Geo. T. Woffard, Johnson City, to Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

R.W. Bro. Robert J. Turner, Price, to Grand Lodge of Utah.

R. W. Bro. A. T. G. Bolken, Amersfoort, Grand Lodge of The Netherlands.

To represent foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand body, commissions have been issued to the following on my recommendation:

R.W. Bro. A. H. Dalziel, Windsor, Grand Lodge of Colorado.

R.W. Bro. W. J. Thompson, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Lodge of Georgia.

R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton, Grand Lodge of New York.

R.W. Bro. Jos. Fowler, Sudbury, Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

## REVISION OF CEREMONIES AND CONSTITUTION

In accordance with a general feeling that some of our ritualistic ceremonies should be revised, I called a meeting of all Past Grand Masters, who along with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary carefully reviewed our present Books of Ceremony. Several amendments were suggested and several were approved unanimously, especially in the Funeral service, but, as no complete decision was reached, I recommend that the Committee continue its work this year.

In this connection I am persuaded that a revision of our Book of Constitution is advisable, and I suggest the appointment of a committee to undertake this work, so that their recommendations may come before Grand Lodge for approval or confirmation next year. I believe, too, that a re-organization of our Board of General Purposes would effect more favorable results in efficiency of service. At the present time the Board consists of nearly all the elected officers of the year, inclusive of the District Deputy Grand Masters, together with all Past Grand Masters and twenty other brethren, ten of whom are elected for a term of two years and ten of whom are appointed by the Grand Master for a similar term. The Board, therefore, consists of about sixty-five members. While I do not here proffer any detailed method of improvement, I think that the idea is of sufficient importance to merit serious consideration and I recommend that the same committee, if it be constituted, which takes up the revision of the Constitution, shall also consider this matter and report its findings to Grand Lodge.

## LIBRARIES

I should like to reiterate the opinions which I expressed last year as to the value of libraries in constituent lodges. No lodge need be, or should be, without a few books of Masonic value to which the members may have



access. The cost of two or three standard volumes is not much, while the energizing and stimulating effect of their perusal, especially by the younger Masons, can not be calculated.

Here too I am reminded of the great advantage possessed by the brethren of Toronto in the John Ross Robertson bequest, now suitably housed in the Yonge street temple. These books, the property of Grand Lodge, have been most carefully catalogued and systematically arranged through the labor and under the constant oversight of V.W. Brother Charles B. Murray, the efficient and ever obliging manager of the Temple. More than a mere word of thanks is due to him for the service he has rendered without suggestion of reward and I would be glad to see Grand Lodge confer Honorary Past rank upon Brother Murray.

There is another brother also of whom I am sure Grand Lodge would be glad to show its appreciation. I mean V.W. Brother George Ross, for many years a member and past master of Wilson lodge, Toronto, and the prime organizer and first Master of War Veterans lodge. Only those who were most intimately concerned with the work and unremitting attention which were necessary to make such a memorable success of the last two great meetings of this Grand Lodge in Toronto can understand how much of that success was due to the unfailing dynamic force of Colonel Ross. I would deem it a gracious act if this Grand Lodge would bestow upon him honorary rank.

## BENEVOLENCE

The problems arising out of our benevolent work must always command our serious and sympathetic attention. Perhaps a few comparisons may not be out of place. In the year 1900 Grand Lodge received 281 applications for assistance and distributed \$11,600. By the year 1910 the number of applications had increased to 431 and the amount distributed to approximately \$34,000. In 1920 the figures were 500 applications and the amount expended \$71,300, and in the year 1924 we distributed approximately \$105,000 amongst 695 beneficiaries. It will be obvious even to the most casual

thinker that the machinery and methods that were adequate to meet the requirements of 1910 could scarcely be expected to bear the increased burdens of 1925. Accordingly at the last Annual Communication, Grand Lodge made provision for the appointment of a permanent official who would devote the whole of his time and attention to this portion of our work. The committee to whom the matter was referred will make a recommendation for the office, and it will be the duty of that official not merely to exercise a general supervision over our benevolent grants, but to establish and maintain a direct communication with the various Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, so as to secure a closer co-operation in our benevolent work and to ensure, as far as can be done, that where assistance is required, assistance shall be given, in the most effective manner and so as to produce the most satisfactory and beneficial results.

One cannot speak on this subject without calling to mind a brother whose name will always be associated with the benevolent work of our Grand Lodge. I refer to the veteran in our midst, R.W. Brother J. B. Nixon. Truly it may be said of him, as it was said of the ancient Greek—"Two generations of men have come and gone before his eyes and he now lives and rules among the third." No man has done more than R.W. Brother Nixon to make our system of benevolence the effective instrument that it has always been, and I am sure that I voice the feelings of all when I express the hope that Grand Lodge may be able to retain the benefit of his great knowledge and vast experience, and that he may long be spared to counsel and assist us in the work for which he is so eminently fitted and to which he gave so much of his long and useful life.

And now may I attempt a word of warning? There are things which even Grand Lodge cannot do, and I am afraid that there is a growing tendency on the part of private lodges to pass on to Grand Lodge obligations which they can and should discharge.

Freemasonry is not a benevolent institution. It is not organized as such, and such is not its purpose. The obligation to relieve the needs of a Brother in distress is

primarily the obligation of the individual member and of the lodge to which the Brother belongs. It is, moreover, a duty that can neither be evaded nor delegated. Grand Lodge is ready and will always be ready to assist where assistance is required. But no effort of Grand Lodge, however great it may be, can ever take the place of the direct personal interest of the private lodge, of the word of encouragement and sympathy from a Brother to a Brother, of the relief that is given with a "covered hand", that appears upon no balance sheet, and that is received without any sense of humiliation. And a private lodge that seeks to pass on to the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge an undue portion of its responsibilities is not only acting unfairly to the other lodges, but is an enemy to its own best interests, for Masonry in a lodge which neither knows nor practises charity, like faith without works, is a thing that is dead.

## MASONIC OFFENCES

There is perhaps no more disturbing characteristic of the times in which we are passing than the evidences which we constantly see of the prevalence of dishonesty in high places and among those who are in positions of authority and trust, and I have been greatly disappointed to find on the part of a number of our lodges a reluctance amounting almost to an unwillingness to deal with those who have been accused and convicted of offences of a serious and criminal nature. In one instance the unwillingness was so pronounced that I finally took the case into my own hands and suspended the offending Brother. The matter is too serious to be passed over in silence. It is a very plausible argument for the lodge to say that the offending Brother is not a criminal at heart, that he has simply made a mistake which will not be repeated, and that it is not the part of Masonic charity to strike a man who is already down. One can understand and appreciate the desire to assist one who has fallen to rehabilitate himself; it is no more than our duty. But surely the lodge owes a duty to the Craft at large as well as to the offending Brother. Masonry is not a thing of to-day only, or of this locality alone. It is a great system and a world-wide organization. It is built

upon a foundation of mutual confidence and respect. Its usefulness, its very existence depends upon the maintenance of a standard in its membership, and upon the ability of a foreign jurisdiction to receive with confidence and safety those whom we permit to carry our credentials. And Canadian Masonry would soon forfeit the position which it now holds if, through a mistaken idea of our duties as Masons, we hesitate to purge the Order of those who have brought dishonour not only upon themselves but upon the Craft, and allow them to continue in the free exercise of our rights and privileges wherever they may go.

### KU KLUX KLAN

My attention has been called during the year to the operations of the promoters of an organization known as the Ku Klux Klan. For reasons which it is not difficult to surmise these gentlemen appear to have been conducting a rather vigorous campaign among the members of our Masonic Lodges in some sections of the jurisdiction. I have no personal knowledge of the aims or objects of this organization, but I am aware of the activities of an organization of the same name in the sister jurisdictions of the United States, and that there is in certain quarters an impression that the Ku Klux Klan has some sort of connection or affiliation with the Masonic fraternity. The attitude of Masonry toward organizations of this kind is, or ought to be, too well known to require restatement here, but at the risk of unnecessary repetition I wish to state in the most emphatic language that the Ku Klux Klan has no connection direct or indirect, in letter, in spirit or otherwise howsoever with the Masonic Order in the Province of Ontario. It is perhaps not within my province nor do I deem it to be necessary at the present time to express any opinion or to make any ruling on the question of members of the Masonic Order becoming members of the Klan, but I venture to suggest that members of the oldest and most honourable fraternity in the world will do well to consider seriously before associating themselves with an organization which in a country where the franchise is universal and freedom of speech is assured to all, finds it necessary to conceal the identity of its membership behind a hood or a mask.



## VISITS

While it would be a feast of memory for me to recount in detail the many—too many, perhaps—visits which I have made during the past year, time, space and want of strength prevent. But I cannot pass the opportunity of making some short mention of two memorable journeys which I made and of which I think you will be glad to hear.

### Visit to Northern Ontario

My first Masonic activity during the past year was a visit to our great north land, accompanied by my wife, daughter, and Very Worshipful Bro. John Pearson of Toronto. On August 29th, 1924, I instituted a new lodge in that truly Masonic city, Sault Ste. Marie.

Their charter members are all overseas men, or their immediate relatives. The lodge which is called Hatherly starts out on its career under most favourable auspices. The name was chosen to commemorate the sacrifice made by a gallant soldier who lies in Flanders Fields, Capt. J. Hatherly Way, son of our esteemed Right Wor. Bro. J. B. Way.

After leaving Sault Ste. Marie, our next visit was to Espanola, where we received a most cordial reception. From here we made the long trip to Iroquois Falls. Among other places we visited were Timmins, Kirkland Lake, New Liskeard, North Bay, Sudbury, and Copper Cliff.

It would be invidious for me to make comparison between the meetings of these various Masonic strongholds. I was much impressed with the Masonic zeal and enthusiasm of our Northern brethren. We were shown every attention wherever we visited, and had the rare opportunity of viewing the wonderful industrial enterprises that are being carried on in new Ontario, and the vastness of the area and resources of that new land.

Masonry in Northern Ontario is strong, virile, serious, and expansive. This visit shall ever remain with me a pleasant memory, and I feel that I have formed new and lasting friendships with many of our brethren in that section of the Province.

### Visit to Grand Lodge of Ireland

In response to an invitation from the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ireland, I had the honour of representing the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario at the Bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland held in Dublin, on June the fourth and succeeding days. After a record voyage on the good ship "Adriatic" I landed at Queenstown on the Saturday evening previous. Hurred visits to Queenstown, Cork, Blarney and Killarney gave me the opportunity of visiting some of this historical points of interest. No land, no countryside could be more beautiful than was Ireland in the early days of June. The landscape was beautiful with a profusion of wild flowers and the vast stretches of green fields were surrounded by quaint stone fences covered with a wilderness of gaily coloured blossoms. I arrived in Dublin the day before the celebration began.

The function commenced at high noon on Thursday, June 4th, in the Freemasons' Hall, by a reception to the overseas Grand Lodge visitors, followed by a luncheon. To say the service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the Masonic brethren, two thousand strong, from all parts of the globe had gathered, was impressive, is putting it all too mildly. This fourteenth century cathedral of vast proportion was a sombre background for the rich gold and gleaming jewels of the office bearers' insignia. The procession was headed by the choir, then the Tyler of Grand Lodge, led a double file of Provincial Grand officers, followed by the elected members of the Grand Lodge of Instruction, and envoys from foreign Grand Lodges, followed by the Primate of all Ireland, the Archbishop of Dublin and a number of other bishops.

The volume of the Sacred Law and the Sword were laid on the altar, and the members of the procession took their seats.

The service was imposing yet wonderfully simple. The preacher was the Primate of all Ireland, the learned Most Reverend Doctor D'Arcy, the Senior Chaplain. His text was taken from the 137th Psalm, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The Primate said Freemasons formed a brotherhood of

men, who taking the art of the builder as the expression of certain great moral principles, are united in an effort to apply those principles in daily life. He traced the builders' art from the remote past to the present, and spoke on the relation of Masonry to the Church. Dr. D'Arcy closed by praying that God would grant as in the past, so in the future, that our brotherhood may flourish and prove a blessing to every generation.

At six o'clock a meeting of Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, presided over by the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., with grace and dignity. The foreign representatives were introduced personally to the members of Grand Lodge. At eight o'clock a banquet was held in the dining hall of the Masonic Temple, which was one of the finest Masonic functions of this nature, I have ever attended. In the toast to the visitors I had the honour of responding for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., in introducing me to the brethren, made a very kindly reference to the grant of One Thousand Dollars which we donated to the Grand Lodge of Ireland to assist them in rebuilding their lodges, which had been destroyed during the rebellion.

On the following day, visits were made to the Masonic girls' school in the morning, and the Boys' School in the afternoon. The former was founded in 1792, and to-day comprises one hundred and five orphan girls between the ages of eight and sixteen. The girls performed a very pretty and clever drill for the benefit of their visitors. The bright and happy faces of these children were sufficient proof of the efficiency of their foster home. Luncheon was served at the school, after which a visit was paid to the Boys' School. The programme could not be carried out there on account of rain. The same efficiency exists here as is found in the Girls' School.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is to be congratulated on the splendid work that is being achieved for the two hundred children under their care. These boys and girls are being trained in all the duties of citizenship and any of them showing special ability are sent to the universities. These schools are supported by voluntary sub-

scriptions and apparently no special effort is required to finance them successfully.

On Saturday, a garden party was held at the home of Sir Stanley Cochrane, Bart., and the final function of the celebration was a Thanksgiving Service arranged by the Provincial Grand Lodges of Antrim and Down in Ulster Hall, Belfast.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is fortunate in having two such efficient men in high office. The Earl of Donoughmore is an ideal presiding officer, while Right Wor. Bro. Shellard is a most efficient and versatile Grand Secretary. The whole celebration was a great success and reflects much credit on the committee in charge. Two or three days in rural England brought a very pleasant visit to a close.

Before handing the gavel over to my successor, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness, courtesy, consideration and good will which I have received from the brethren throughout this spacious jurisdiction of ours. It is a matter of deepest regret, that I am unable to deliver my heartfelt thanks to you in person for the many kindnesses received, and thoughtful deeds enacted on my behalf, on the occasion of this seventieth communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I had been looking forward with anticipated pleasure to this meeting in Hamilton, but fate decrees otherwise. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Notwithstanding the fact that many troubles have arisen during the year, the soul of Masonry in our jurisdiction, unblemished, is striving for higher ideals, and more efficient service. Let us have no vain regrets for an ill spent past, but let us spend our to-days in such a manner that we may be prepared for the endless tomorrow, when it arrives.

W. J. DROPE,

Grand Master.



It was moved by Sir John Gibson, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the address of the M.W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The acting Grand Master appointed as the committee on the address of the Grand Master, all Past Grand Masters present.

### LONG SERVICE MEDALS

The Grand Secretary then read the names of thirty-six Past Masters which had been presented by various lodges throughout the jurisdiction, who had served as Rulers of the Craft for more than fifty years. Follows the list with the year when each brother served as Master of his lodge. As their names were called, the brethren assembled at the Altar.

Wm. Ballantyne, 1870; Wm. H. Ballard, 1873; Joseph Beck, 1872; Enoch B. Butterworth, 1874; T. F. Chamberlain, 1868; Samuel S. Clutton, 1866; M. Eacrett, 1866; M. Felan, 1875; D. Fink, 1875; Sir John Gibson, 1872; T. S. Henry, 1871; W. D. Hepburn, 1873; C. B. Heyd, 1875; John Kaiting, 1873; J. G. King, 1875; S. S. Lazier, 1874; P. N. Mason, 1875; Samuel Nelson, 1875; J. B. Nixon, 1873; Sir W. D. Otter, 1874; C. O. Packert, 1873; Wm. Panton, 1875; G. W. Potter, 1875; J. D. Salmon, 1875; D. H. Preston, 1873; G. Sherk, 1875; Wm. Skinner, 1870; Wm. Smeaton, 1861; Alfred Taylor, 1875; J. A. Temple, 1875; T. H. Tracy, 1875; G. R. Vanzant, 1874; Jno. Varcoe, 1874; Hugh Walker, 1871; G. J. Waugh, 1875; Richard Wilson, 1873.

At the request of the Acting Grand Master, the medals were presented to the recipients by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, who said:

Past Grand Master W. N. Ponton—Brethren, I am sure that I represent to-day not merely the Deputy Grand Master, but each one of you as your interpreter and spokesman, in paying your tribute of love, affection and esteem to these veteran and venerable Brethren who now assemble at the altar of the Craft, having nothing of age except its dignity and experience, wearing the laurels

of winter on their brow but summer in their hearts—men who are enjoying life's golden afternoon—the Indian summer of life—the sunset of well spent decades. For 40 and 50 and 60 years and over they have fought the good fight and kept the touch and kept the faith. How far the Gulf Stream of our lives can flow into the Arctic Region of our age.

Do you remember the Old Boys' song of Harrow School in England?

“God give us bases to guard or beleaguer,  
Games to play out whether earnest, or fun,  
Fights for the fearless and goals for the eager,  
Forty and fifty and sixty years on.”

And so we begin with Brother William Smeaton of Picton, 1861—sixty-four years ago Master of his Lodge; Brother Clutton of Vienna, 1866; Brother Everett, of Exeter, 1866; Brother Chamberlain, of Newboro, 1868; Brother Skinner, of London, 1870; Brother Walker, of Guelph, 1871; Brother Richard Wilson of Wellington, 1873, and so on throughout the long list of honoured names, many of them “familiar in our mouths as household words,” especially those who have added to the fellowship of the Craft, the comradeship of the field, who have ruled their Battalions as well as their Lodges, such as General Sir William Otter, General Sir John Gibson, Colonel S. S. Lazier and Major Beck.

It is indeed a pride and privilege for me to represent the Craft in conferring this mark of honour, an honour won by “good and laudable service” as the prayer-book puts it, and as these medals have been worthily won, so they will be worthily worn. I am sure that these long-service symbols will be valued not merely by the recipients but also by their near and dear ones, and will be worn pendent from their blue ribbon of loyalty and Craftsmanship, with pride and dignity, in the many years that we hope will be theirs and ours to share in the future. I give to them all together collectively and individually, present or absent, your good greetings and good will. May they be dowered with all good gifts and graces:

"The gifts of kindness and of laughter  
 And all the gifts of love and faith and friends,  
 Of justice and of truth,  
 And while life lasts until the journey's end—  
 The priceless gift of the spirit of youth;  
 Hope that inspires and courage that endures,  
 May all these gifts be theirs—and yours.  
 May the Giver of gifts give unto you,  
 All that is good and all that is true,  
 The will to help and the courage to do  
 And a heart that sings all the day through,  
 Whether the sky be grey or blue,  
 May the Giver of gifts give these to you."

You have been doing productive and faithful service, you come bringing your sheaves of harvest with you. May you each have in addition to the procession of mellow memories, what Shakespeare deemed the ideal of matured age—"Honour, love, obedience, troops of friends". Your eyes are still undimmed, your natural forces unabated, may it be many and many years before the keepers of the house shall tremble or the strong men shall bow themselves. Your age will be like a lusty winter, frosty but kindly, for you laid broad and firm and deep in youth the foundation, and you are, as all Craftsmen should be, "well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty."

On behalf of Grand Lodge I say God Bless you! And now I have great pleasure in pinning on your breasts these medals, the emblems and tokens of our fraternal regard and esteem for the boys of the Old Brigade who as represented by you, steadily shoulder to shoulder, steadily blade by blade, are marching along ready and strong for future service—your labour of love. I will ask Most Worshipful Brother Major General Sir John M. Gibson to respond on your behalf. We always think of him as one of the boys—the real boys that make men.

"You see that boy laughing, you think he's all fun,  
 But the angels laugh too at the good he has done,  
 The children laugh loudly as they troop to his call,  
 But the poor man that knows him laughs loudest of all;  
 And when we have done with our life lasting toys,  
 Dear Father take care of Thy children—the boys."

M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson responded in feeling and befitting words for the Masonic veterans.

### **CALLED OFF**

Grand Lodge was called from labor at 12.30 o'clock, p.m. to meet again at 2.30 in the afternoon.

### **CALLED ON**

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., the acting Grand Master on the Throne.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

The roll of the Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions was then called by the Grand Secretary, and the Representatives assembled at the Altar, where they were given the customary honors.

### **REPORTS OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND SECRETARY**

The Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, presented their annual reports.



## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members  
of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province  
of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1925.

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

To balance of account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1924.....	\$18,281 11	
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges.....	126,247 70	
Interest on investments.....	16,792 78	
Interest on Bank deposits.....	728 45	
Debentures matured:—		
Brockville.....	\$660 46	
Hamilton.....	3000 00	
Berlin.....	1483 42	
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	5,143 88	
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		\$167,193 92

## DISBURSEMENTS

General charges.....	\$31,366 46	
Benevolent Orders.....	102,900 00	
National Trust Co.....	10,000 00	
Canada Permanent Trust Company.....	3,000 00	
Dominion of Canada Canadian National.. ..	1,523 10	
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	\$148,789 56	
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1925.....	21,736 23	
Less outstanding cheques... ..	3,331 87	
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	18,404 36	
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		\$167,193 92

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,  
Grand Treasurer

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,  
Auditor.

Toronto, 18th June, 1925.

## DISBURSEMENTS

1924

June	27—	Incidentals.....	\$300 00
		Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250 00
		Bell Telephone.....	6 28
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	62 49
		Griffin & Richmond.....	9 19
		Robinson & McKay.....	12 50
		Canada Passenger Association.....	15 00
July	16—	Expenses, Grand Lodge Meeting.....	2,600 00
	26—	R. F. Richardson.....	10 00
		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	19 85
		The Maccoomb Press.....	148 89
		W. J. Fearman.....	21 75
		The Robt. Duncan Co.....	9 11
		Robt. Raw Co.....	43 84
		Thomas Rowe, stenographer.....	75 00
		W. J. Drope, travelling expense.....	750 00
		W. J. Drope, stenographer.....	150 00
		Postage, Committees.....	40 00
		Masonic Relief Association.....	328 79
		W. N. Ponton, fraternal correspondence.....	250 00
		J. A. Rowland, travelling ex.....	125 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		J. B. Nixon, Ben. Inspection.....	300 00
Aug.	28—	Grand Secretary.....	300 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone.....	6 28
Sept.	30—	Ruthvens.....	102 75
		Wm. Bruce.....	10 00
		Ambrose Kent & Sons.....	77 65
		Hugh Murray.....	27 53
		Payne & Hardy.....	27 53
		R. B. Cheyne.....	27 54
		Griffin & Richmond.....	7 35
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	44 63
		George Ross, Bell Telephone.....	44 04
		Bernard Cairns.....	211 84
		E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00

	27—	Hamilton Masonic Hall.....	250 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
Oct.	31—	J. B. Nixon, Benevolent Inspection.....	300 00
		Incidental expenses.....	300 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Postage on proceedings.....	180 00
		J. B. Nixon.....	300 00
Nov.	29—	Robt. Duncan Co.....	91 55
		Robt. Raw Co.....	49 35
		Griffin & Richmond.....	12 82
		Ambrose Kent & Sons.....	10 50
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	126 00
		Bell Telephone Company.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,000 00
Dec.	18—	Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250 00
		Bell Telephone.....	6 32
		Incidental expenses.....	300 00
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	2,704 13
		McKay Company.....	20 00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	3 68
		Robt. Raw Co.....	1,767 57
		Thos. Shanks.....	9 65
		J. B. Nixon, salary.....	300 00
1925			
Jan.	31—	Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	500 00
Feb.	2—	Bell Telephone Company.....	6 32
		McKay & Overell.....	25 00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	17 58
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	128 36
		Robt. Duncan.....	24 45
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	453 39
		W. J. Drope, expenses.....	750 00
		W. J. Drope, stenographer.....	150 00
		J. A. Rowland, expenses.....	125 00
		Thos. Rowe, stenographer.....	75 00
		Grand Secretary.....	500 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Bell Telephone.....	6 32

Mar. 25—	Incidentals.....	300 00	
	Grand Treasurer.....	75 00	
	Auditor.....	150 00	
	Grand Secretary.....	500 00	
	Hamilton Masonic Hall.....	250 00	
	Bell Telephone.....	6 32	
	Chief Clerk.....	250 00	
	Stenographer.....	166 66	
	Clerk.....	150 00	
	Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	40 00	
	John Connon Co.....	20 00	
	Robt. Raw Co.....	52 24	
	Masonic Relief Association.....	256 24	
	Ruthvens.....	25 00	
April 30—	Bell Telephone.....	6 32	
	Grand Secretary.....	500 00	
	Chief Clerk.....	250 00	
	Stenographer.....	166 66	
	Clerk.....	150 00	
	J. B. Nixon.....	347 94	
	Canadian Passenger Association.....	15 00	
	Robert Duncan Co.....	2 85	
	The John Connon Co.....	20 50	
	W. R. Crockett & Son.....	14 44	
	Robt. Raw Co.....	16 54	
May 26—	Robt. Raw & Co.....	44 10	
	Robt. Duncan Co.....	6 95	
	Stainton Downey & Sons.....	2 15	
	Griffin & Richmond.....	50 61	
	Bell Telephone Company.....	6 32	
	Grand Secretary.....	500 00	
	Chief Clerk.....	250 00	
	Stenographer.....	166 74	
	Clerk.....	150 00	
			\$31,366 46
	Benevolent Orders.....		102,900 00
	Investments.....		14,523 10
	Bank Balance May 31st, 1925	\$21,736 23	
	Less outstanding cheques.....	3,331 87	
			<u>18,404 36</u>
			<u>\$167,193 92</u>



## GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1925.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 50,500 00	\$ 50,500 00
Dominion of Canada War Loan.....	5½	6¼	4,650 00	5,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	26,000 00	26,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5¾	5¾	10,000 00	10,000 00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	5,223 00	5,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	6	6	5,000 00	5,000 00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅞	2,116 04	2,000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8,173 00	8,000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4½	6	4,442 00	5,000 00
Brockville, City of.....	4	4½	329 68	352 06
Brockville, City of.....	4	4⅞	655 50	690 17
Canadian Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	3,000 00	3,000 00
Dominion of Canada, C.N.R. Equip.....	5	4.95	1,503 75	1,500 00
Hamilton City of.....	5½	6½	5,196 26	5,072 76
Hamilton, City of.....	6	6	2,000 00	2,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	4	6	4,284 00	5,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509 80	500 00
Manitoba, Province of.....	5½	5.30	7,143 50	7,000 00
New Westminster, City of.....	5	4.80	5,125 00	5,000 00
New Westminster, City of.....	5	4¾	5,280 50	5,000 00
National Trusts Corp. ....	5½	5½	10,000 00	10,000 00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1,613 60	1,509 58
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.55	3,790 00	4,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.30	9,700 00	10,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.50	10,463 75	11,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.05	4,975 00	5,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6	10,000 00	10,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	16,160 60	15,000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	5,121 37	5,121 37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1,009 31	1,000 00
Strathcona, City of.....	4½	4¾	4,842 00	5,018 28
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4⅞	12,026 07	12,148 50
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅞	980 85	1,000 00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry .....	6½	6½	15,057 18	15,057 18
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of.....	5½	5.40	8,152 80	8,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6¼	5,681 40	6,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	11,600 40	12,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	2,901 30	3,000 00
Woodstock, City of.....	5½	6	4,655 80	5,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	6	10,000 00	10,000 00
York, Township of.....	5½	5¾	981 40	1,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	5¾	4,074 00	4,000 00
			\$ 309,403 00	\$ 311,336 56

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

Balance in Bank of Commerce .....	\$21,736 23	
Less outstanding cheques .....	3,331 87	18,404 36
		<u>\$329,740 92</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1925, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,  
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,  
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,  
Auditor.

## THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1925.

## RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st May, 1924.....	\$1,755 78	
Outstanding cheques.....	575 00	
		\$1,180 78
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ended 31st May, 1925 from lodges.....	80 00	
Interest on investments.....	5,118 30	
Interest on bank deposits.....	64 72	
Benevolent cheques cancelled.....	140 00	
Windsor debenture matured.....	1,308 26	
Berlin Debenture matured.....	91 98	
Woodstock debenture matured.....	4,000 00	
Township of Saltfleet Debenture Matured...	4,000 00	
		14,803 26
		<u>\$15,984 04</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

National Trust Co. Ltd.....	\$1,400 00	
Canada Permanent Trust Company.....	4,000 00	
Township of York Debentures.....	4,224 42	
		9,624 42
Benevolent orders.....		4,960 00
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	2,294 62	
Outstanding cheques.....	895 00	
		1,399 62
		<u>\$15,984 04</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted,  
E. T. MALONE,  
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.  
Auditor.

Toronto, June 18th, 1925.

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

## SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1925.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 5,400 00	\$ 5,400 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5	5.30	5,183 00	5,200 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	837 00	900 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	6,000 00	6,000 00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	2,089 20	2,000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	435 22	416 24
Belleville, City of.....	5¾	6	839 07	820 28
Calgary, City of.....	4½	4½	4,000 00	4,000 00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	4,000 00	4,000 00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1,439 71	1,528 43
Etobicoke, Township of.....	6½	6½	2,876 67	2,876 67
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	6	3,000 00	3,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5.30	1,023 80	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,046 40	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,040 80	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,072 90	1,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5½	1,015 30	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1,019 60	1,000 00
Lindsay, Town of.....	6	5.40	1,045 40	1,000 00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2,880 60	3,000 00
National Trust Co.....	5½	5½	1,400 00	1,400 00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,971 42	4,787 92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4,316 40	4,316 40
Owen Sound, City of.....	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	4¼	2,200 80	2,000 00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	5.20	1,950 60	2,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	1,606 05	1,500 00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4¾	4½	1,905 20	1,850 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3,854 72	3,854 72
St. Catharines, City of.....	4	4½	5,141 74	5,319 96
St. Marys, Town of.....	4½	4.80	8,658 63	9,000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of.....	5	4¾	1,862 64	1,800 00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4⅞	1,015 90	1,000 00
Strathroy, Town of.....	5	5⅞	481 60	565 85
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6	943 00	1,000 00
Walkerville, City of.....	4½	5⅞	599 88	639 13
Windsor, City of.....	4	4½	2,619 35	2,775 63
Windsor, City of.....	6	6	2,430 70	2,706 65
Windsor, City of.....	5	5.35	272 82	258 11
York, Township of.....	6	6½	1,382 41	1,440 72
York, Township of.....	5½	5	4,130 40	4,000 00
Hamilton Maso. Hall Asso	6	6	100 00	100 00
			\$ 102,417 83	\$ 103,456 71



Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	\$2,294 62	
Less outstanding cheques .....	895 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,399 62
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		<u>\$104,856 33</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-centennial Fund on the 31st day of May, 1925, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,  
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,  
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.  
Auditor.

The list of investments of the General Fund and the Semi-Centennial Fund of Grand Lodge was submitted to one of the leading Bond Houses in the Dominion of Canada for an expression of opinion thereon. The following is the opinion received.

June 22nd, 1925.

E. T. Malone, Esq., K.C.,  
Grand Treasurer,  
Grand Lodge A. F. & A.M. of Canada in Ontario.  
Toronto General Trusts Building,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Malone,

We have gone over the above list of securities and appended thereto what are considered, in our opinion, fair market valuations as at to-day. We consider that this list, for your particular purpose of investment, shows the result of careful selection. The securities enumerated are excellently distributed and have been chosen from the point of view of safety and return.

We feel you are to be congratulated on the result of this conservative investment policy.

Yours very truly,

THE DOMINION SECURITIES CORPORATION, LIMITED

By "T. H. Andison."

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members  
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in  
the Province of Ontario:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st May, 1925.

The following statements are herewith submitted viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1925; a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May, 1925; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

**Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account.  
and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1925.**

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	195 10		
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	400 50		
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	483 75		
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	534 50	1 20	
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	260 00		50
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	288 60		
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	205 00	1 00	
11	Moir.....	Belleville.....	449 10	60	
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	338 50		
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	424 70	1 00	
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	625 00	1 00	
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	323 50	1 00	
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	306 00		
20	St. John's.....	London.....	503 50	1 00	
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	114 50		
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	509 00		
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	138 00	4 00	
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	292 00		
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	288 50	6 00	
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	189 50	1 00	
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	311 50	260 50	
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	115 50		
29	United.....	Brighton.....	299 10	6 00	
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	176 00	2 00	
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	304 00		
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	216 00	6 00	
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	270 40		3 50
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	212 00	1 00	
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	147 50		
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	205 00	8 00	
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	325 50		
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	110 50	3 00	
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	721 00	6 00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	292 00	8 00	
42	St. George's.....	London.....	602 50		
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	492 00	12 00	
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	548 00	3 00	
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	587 00		
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	533 00	7 00	
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	1,105 70	12 60	
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	184 00	1 00	
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	148 00		
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	438 50		
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	108 50		
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	123 00		
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	396 00	1 00	
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	165 00	6 00	
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	494 00		
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	984 85	17 50	



62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	164 00	6 00	
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place....	269 00		
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	540 20	13 00	
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	619 00	12 00	
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	126 50		
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	179 50	1 00	
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	141 00	3 00	
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	274 00	12 50	
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	172 50		
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta....	93 00		
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	273 50	2 00	
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	346 00		
77	Faithful Brethren..	Lindsay.....	338 50		
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	269 50		
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	139 00		
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges .	115 00	50	
82	St. John's .....	Paris.....	342 50	7 00	
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	210 50	6 00	
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	157 00	7 00	
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	90 50		
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	492 00	10 00	
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	240 50		
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	219 50		
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	285 00	1 00	
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	138 50	50	
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	522 00	1 00	
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	218 50		
94	St. Mark.....	Port Stanley.....	102 50		
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	371 50	13 00	
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	120 00		
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	85 50	1 00	
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	173 00	6 00	
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	336 50	4 60	
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	301 50	7 50	
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines....	415 50		
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	210 50	5 50	
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	377 50	12 00	
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	169 50		
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	123 50		
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	111 50	5 30	
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	198 50		
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	230 50		
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	202 00		
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	306 00		
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	242 50	3 00	
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	106 50	4 00	
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	88 00		1 00
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	138 50		
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	103 00	50	
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	938 00	5 50	
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	166 50		1 00
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	402 50	6 00	
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	197 00	6 00	
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	260 00	1 00	
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	225 00	6 00	
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	248 50		1 00

129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	267	00		
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton....	131	00		
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	152	50		
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	155	20	2	50
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	93	50	2	00
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	159	50	13	50
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	393	00	2	50
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	196	50	2	50
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	157	00		1 50
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	106	50		
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	129	00		
144	Tecuniseh.....	Stratford.....	405	50	7	25
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	117	00		
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	95	00	4	20
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	160	50		
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	373	00		
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	143	50	1	00
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	419	00	3	00
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	142	50		
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	117	50	6	00
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	375	50	1	00
156	York.....	Toronto.....	456	50	1	00
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	91	00		
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	163	50		4 50
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	109	00		
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	120	50	6	00
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	83	00		
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	157	50		25
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	238	50	6	00
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	340	00		
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	267	00		
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	215	00	1	00
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	195	00		
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n....	48	00		
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	108	50		
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	123	50		
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	476	70		
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	73	50		
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	350	00	8	00
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	75	50	1	00
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	180	00		50
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	80	00		
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	66	00		50
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	118	00	3	00
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	489	00	16	50
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	153	50		
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	218	50	7	20
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	335	85	1	00
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	193	50	3	00
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	149	50	2	50
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	119	50	3	00
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	283	50	1	00
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	116	50		
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	61	00	6	00
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	149	50		50
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	557	70	7	00

209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	101 00	13 10	
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	118 00		
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	255 00		
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	118 50	1 00	
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	407 00	6 00	
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	171 00		
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	232 00	1 50	
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	297 50		
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	383 50	1 00	
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	122 50		
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	105 00		
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	347 00	6 00	
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odesa.....	119 50	1 50	
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	282 50	1 00	
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	333 00		
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	522 60		
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	124 50	3 00	
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	175 00	1 00	
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	104 00		
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	157 50		
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	138 00	5 00	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	119 00		
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	118 50	1 50	
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	357 50	50	
242	Macey.....	Mallorytown.....	154 50		
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	112 00		
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	147 00	14 50	
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	434 00	2 00	
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	454 50	2 00	
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	199 50	6 00	
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	404 00	1 00	
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	585 80	7 00	
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	185 00		12 00
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	107 50		
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	314 50	1 00	
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	401 50	6 00	
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	208 00		
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	238 00	6 00	
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	64 25	1 00	
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	131 50		
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	194 00	1 00	
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	450 00	7 00	
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	169 50	1 00	
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	97 00		
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	537 60	11 80	
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	119 00	1 00	
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	136 50		
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	300 00	6 00	
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	127 50		
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	249 00		
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	248 50	1 00	
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	112 60	1 00	
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	151 60	1 00	
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	148 00	3 50	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	146 00		2 00
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	370 00		2 50

284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	133	00	
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	238	00	
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	175	00	3 00
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	512	60	18 00
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	145	00	
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	354	00	
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro..	169	00	
292	Robertson.....	King.....	104	50	1 50
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	103	50	
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	144	00	1 00
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines...	385	50	7 25
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	194	50	
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	107	50	
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	100	50	
302	St. David.....	St. Thomas.....	544	50	5 50
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	128	00	1 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	180	10	
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	223	50	6 50
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	190	00	
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	81	10	
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	96	00	1 00
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	85	50	3 00
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	236	00	13 00
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	173	00	
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	160	00	6 00
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	77	00	3 00
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	697	50	2 00
318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	40	50	
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	201	00	13 00
320	Chesterville.....	Chesterville.....	133	50	
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	151	00	6 00
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	295	50	7 60
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	134	50	
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	656	00	7 00
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	85	50	1 00
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	695	50	14 00
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	89	00	
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	95	00	
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	113	00	5 00
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	345	50	1 00
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	78	00	8 50
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	367	00	
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	175	20	
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	78	50	
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	111	50	1 00
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	101	50	2 00
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	148	00	50 00
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	388	50	2 00
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	94	00	
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	548	00	6 00
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n.	182	20	
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	172	50	50
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	563	70	7 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	145	50	3 00
348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene	156	00	1 00
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	337	50	



354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	93 00		
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	130 50		1 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	246 00		
358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	61 90	34 00	
359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	93 30		
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	150 00	6 00	
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	520 50	50	
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	97 50		
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	80 50		
367	St. George.....	Toronto.....	572 50	7 50	
368	Salem.....	Brockville.....	331 50	3 00	
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	294 10		
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	101 00		
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	399 00	50	
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	244 00		
373	Copestone.....	Welland.....	269 00		
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	60 50		
375	Lorne.....	Omemece.....	119 00		
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	173 00	6 00	
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	191 20		
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	450 00		50
379	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	83 00		
380	Union.....	London.....	379 50		
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	850 50	11 00	
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	112 00	2 50	
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	610 20	10 00	
385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	116 60		
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	202 00	7 00	
387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	121 50	2 00	
388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	119 50	7 25	
389	Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta.....	108 50		1 00
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	105 00		
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	194 50	1 00	
392	Huron.....	Cambridge.....	120 50		
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	161 00	3 00	
394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	132 00	1 00	
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	97 50	5 00	
396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	174 00		
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	121 50		
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	130 00		
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville.....	99 50		2 50
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	315 00	15 00	
401	Craig.....	Deseronto.....	150 00		
402	Central.....	Essex.....	231 50		
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	756 50	7 00	
404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	92 50		
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	93 50		50
406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	118 00	1 00	
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	141 60		
409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	156 00		
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	518 00	13 50	
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	126 50		50
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	501 80	1 20	
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	149 50	1 00	
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	331 30	1 00	
415	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	472 50		

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	67	00	
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	141	00	
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	191	75	6 00
419	Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	173	00	6 00
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	309	00	
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	112	50	50
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	105	70	
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	119	00	2 50
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	76	00	
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	115	00	
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	552	00	1 00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	375	10	3 00
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	186	20	3 00
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	92	00	7 00
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	422	00	2 00
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	56	10	
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	149	50	
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	121	10	
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	152	00	2 50
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	173	50	4 00
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	117	00	
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	502	60	
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	431	50	3 50
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	120	00	
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	91	50	
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	106	00	
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	151	40	5 00
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	146	50	
444	Nitetis.....	Creemore.....	95	50	3 00
445	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	115	50	6 00
446	Granite.....	Fort Francis.....	220	10	1 00
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	99	50	2 00
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	86	50	2 00
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	204	50	2 50
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	103	00	
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	79	50	
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	97	00	
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	256	00	6 00
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	165	50	
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	110	00	
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	68	50	
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	245	00	
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	122	00	
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	148	00	6 50
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	79	00	
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	144	50	12 50
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	192	00	8 40
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	85	50	
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	125	00	
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	90	70	1 00
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	103	00	
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	111	70	
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	128	00	
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	353	50	
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour.....	151	50	6 50
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	113	20	2 00

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	139 50	7 00	
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	177 00	170 00	
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	485 50		8 50
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	605 50		
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	109 50	3 00	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	99 50		
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	120 00	1 00	
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	167 50		
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	62 00	3 00	
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	396 50	9 00	
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	212 50	3 50	
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	78 50	1 00	
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	133 60		
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	247 80		
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	340 75	7 00	
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	95 00	4 00	
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	125 00	3 00	
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	170 00	6 00	
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	76 50		
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	112 50		
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	124 00	5 00	
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	174 50	5 50	
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	476 50	10 00	
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	644 50	14 00	
496	University.....	Toronto.....	483 50	2 00	
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	120 10		
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	120 00		50
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	373 00	6 00	
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	171 50	1 00	
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	274 60	7 00	
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	156 50	1 60	
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	104 00		
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	58 00	1 00	
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	107 00		3 50
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	85 00	72 00	
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	126 50	2 00	
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	248 00	8 00	
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	243 00		
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	348 50	2 20	
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William.....	201 00	2 00	
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	138 00		
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	666 00	8 00	
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	436 00	15 50	
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	283 00		50
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	122 00	4 20	
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	82 50	1 00	
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	204 00		
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	96 00	4 00	
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	511 50	3 00	
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	523 50	27 00	
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	420 00	12 00	
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	207 00	7 00	
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	178 50		
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	427 50	12 00	
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	138 50		
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	125 00	15 50	

528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	193 50	1 00
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	53 10	
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	192 00	
531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	798 50	6 25
532	Canada.....	Toronto.....	422 10	7 10
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	372 50	1 50
534	Engleheart.....	Engleheart.....	157 50	9 00
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	126 50	
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	151 00	
537	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	803 00	26 00
538	Earl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	76 50	
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	167 00	
540	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	174 50	5 00
541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	518 00	14 50
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	239 50	
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	324 50	14 00
544	Lincoln.....	Abingdon.....	81 00	
545	John Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	452 50	2 00
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	367 00	
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	109 50	
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	368 10	5 50
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	296 00	10 00
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	385 50	14 00
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	448 00	9 10
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	382 50	4 00
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	274 50	60
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	234 50	
555	Wardrobe.....	Hamilton.....	411 00	7 50
556	Nation.....	Spencerville.....	110 10	
557	Finch.....	Finch.....	87 00	
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	223 50	7 25
559	Pastine.....	Toronto.....	254 00	15 50
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	209 00	1 00
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	173 50	6 00
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	507 50	1 00
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	298 30	
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	191 00	1 80
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	598 50	32 90
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	228 50	
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	110 00	
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	53 00	
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	79 50	
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	320 00	4 00
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	227 50	14 10
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	500 20	14 50
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	293 60	
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	84 00	1 60
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	200 50	12 50
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	228 50	12 00
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	274 00	9 50
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	217 50	12 50
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	153 50	12 00
580	Acacia.....	London.....	328 00	8 00
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	67 00	
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	397 10	1 00
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	230 00	13 40



584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	107 50		
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	100 50	7 00	
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	338 00	13 00	
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	279 60	1 00	
588	National.....	Capreol.....	140 00		
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	184 00	1 00	
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	139 00	1 00	
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	176 00	3 00	
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	131 00	10 00	
593	St. Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	536 00	14 85	
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	188 00	4 70	
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	132 50		
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	62 80		2 00
597	Temple.....	London.....	123 00	10 00	
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	162 70	7 00	
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	145 50		
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	151 50	6 00	
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	168 75		
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	354 50	1 00	
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville....	81 00		
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	105 50	2 00	
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	103 00	4 00	
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	179 50	11 60	
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	115 00	4 00	
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	97 50	1 00	
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	75 50		
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	174 00		
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	128 50	12 00	
612	Birch Cliffe.....	Birch Cliffe.....	175 00	12 50	
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	77 75	5 00	
614	Adanac.....	Merritton.....	83 50	1 00	
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	49 70		
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines...	112 60		
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	95 00	12 50	
618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	150 00	1 00	
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	172 00	10 00	
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	274 50		50
621	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	83 00		
622	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	120 30	7 50	
623	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	194 00	1 60	
624	Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin.....	170 10	6 00	
U.D.	Hatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie...	74 00	6 60	
U.D.	Manitou.....	Emo.....	20 00	12 50	
U.D.	Stamford.....	South End.....	96 50		
U.D.	Pelee.....	Scudder.....	38 50		
U.D.	Glenrose.....	Elmira.....	20 00	13 50	
U.D.	Grenville.....	Toronto.....	26 00	7 00	
U.D.	Prince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	22 00	6 00	
U.D.	Long Branch.....	Mimico.....		20 00	

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\$125,222 00

Sundries..... 1,025 70

Interest..... 17,521 23

Debentures matured..... 5,143 88

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\$148,912 81

# GENERAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

YEAR ENDED MAY 31st., 1925

Fees, Registration of initiations.....	\$ 16494 00
Fees, Registration of affiliations.....	601 00
Dues.....	98323 00
Certificates.....	120 00
Constitutions.....	2757 50
Ceremonies.....	132 00
Dispensations.....	1029 00
Commutations of Dues.....	5472 00
Warrants.....	60 00
Musical Rituals.....	129 50
Miscellaneous.....	1129 70
	<u>\$126247 70</u>

## Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$3052 50
Landed Banking and Loan Co.,.....	300 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	2005 00
Township of Barton.....	275 00
Town of Berlin.....	74 17
City of Brandon.....	100 00
City of Brantford.....	545 00
City of Brockville.....	75 36
City of Hamilton.....	779 00
Town of Kincardine.....	25 00
Province of Manitoba.....	385 00
City of New Westminster.....	500 00
National Trust Corporation.....	275 00
County of Oxford.....	75 48
Province of Ontario.....	3300 00
City of Peterborough.....	230 46
City of Port Arthur.....	50 00
City of Strathcona.....	225 82
City of St. Thomas.....	485 95
City of Stratford.....	45 00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.....	978 72
City of Toronto.....	1840 32
City of Woodstock.....	275 00
Township of York.....	895 00
Bank Interest.....	728 45
	<u>17521 23</u>

Total Revenue General Accounts ..... \$143768 93

## *Debentures matured and paid—*

City of Brockville.....	660 46
City of Hamilton.....	3000 00
City of Berlin.....	1483 42
	<u>5143 88</u>
	<u>\$148912 81</u>

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

Year Ended May 31st, 1925

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, Salary to 31st March, 1925.....	\$300 00	
H. Vigeon, Auditor, Salary to 31st March, 1925..	600 00	
W. M. Logan, Year's Salary to 31st May, 1925	6000 00	
Salary for April and May, 1924, unpaid.....	1000 00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, Salary to 31st May, 1925.....	3000 00	
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1925	2000 00	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1925.....	1800 00	
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office ..	1500 00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.....	1108 48	
Constitutions.....	1811 67	
Certificates and Warrants.....	463 39	
Proceedings, 1924.....	2442 18	
Telephone Service.....	75 60	
Insurance on furniture, etc. and Bond Premiums	141 85	
Safety Deposit Box rental.....	40 00	
Office Rent.....	1000 00	
Postage on Proceedings.....	180 00	
Grand Lodge Expenses, 1924.....	3210 17	
Postage Chairman of Committees.....	40 00	
Inspector of Benevolence, salary.....	1200 00	
Inspector of Benevolence, travelling expenses....	347 94	
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	250 00	
Allowance to Grand Master, 1924-1925.....	1500 00	
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	300 00	
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master.....	250 00	
Special Commissions.....	9 65	
Memorial Tributes.....	60 50	
Stenographer, Committee on Benevolence.....	150 00	
U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Associations	585 03	
		\$31366 46
Debentures purchased.....		14523 10
Benevolent Grants.....		\$102900 00
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		\$148,789 56

## SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st., 1925.

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges:

Rodney No. 411, Rodney..... \$ 80 00

Debentures matured:

Town of Berlin..... \$ 91 98

Township of Saltfleet..... 4000 00

City of Windsor..... 1308 26

City of Woodstock..... 4000 00

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9400 24

## REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on Investment and bank account as per detailed statement.....

5,183 02

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\$14,663 26

## SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

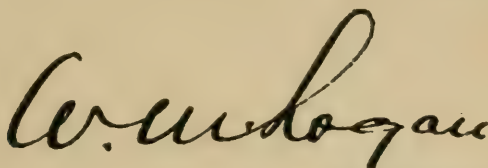
Revenue Account year ended May 31st, 1925.

## RECEIPTS

Dominion of Canada, War Loans.....	\$ 606 50
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	330 00
Town of Berlin.....	25 40
City of Belleville.....	49 22
Township of Barton.....	110 00
City of Calgary.....	180 00
Town of Durham.....	76 42
Township of Etobicoke.....	186 99
Town of Galt.....	80 00
City of Hamilton.....	470 00
Town of Kincardine.....	50 00
Town of Lindsay.....	60 00
Dist. of North Vancouver.....	135 00
National Trusts Company.....	38 50
Town of Oakville.....	239 37
Town of Oshawa.....	194 24
Town of Owen Sound.....	245 00
Province of Ontario.....	90 00
City of Peterborough.....	321 34
City of St. Catharines.....	212 80
Town of St. Marys.....	405 00
Township of Saltfleet.....	200 00



City of Sault Ste. Marie .....	90 00	
Municipality of Shuniah.....	50 00	
Town of Strathroy.....	28 29	
City of Toronto.....	55 00	
Town of Walkerville.....	28 76	
City of Windsor.....	288 03	
City of Woodstock.....	180 00	
Township of York .....	86 44	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association .....	6 00	
Bank Interest.....	64 72	
		5,183 02



Grand Secretary

Hamilton, June 1925

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending May 31st., 1925.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.  
Auditor

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, and resolved: That the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary then presented the annual reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which follow herewith. It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and resolved: That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

## Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

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### ALGOMA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is my happy privilege to present my report upon the condition of Masonry in the District, which I have had the honor to represent.

I have visited each lodge in the District once, officially, and have found a wonderful uniformity in the Ritualistic work of the lodges. I beg to report that the conferring of Degrees in every lodge is carried out with due solemnity and that harmony and progress exist throughout the District.

It has been my objective, while visiting the lodges, to encourage the spirit of harmony, the uniformity of the work, to caution the Masters in the use of the ballot in the selection of material, by ever bearing in mind the quality of our candidates rather than numbers.

I wish to thank the Brethren of the District for the high honour which they have conferred upon me, by electing me to this high office and I assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that I have endeavoured to fulfil the duties of this office to the best of my ability, and wish to state that the efficiency of my predecessors have done much to make the work easy.

I wish to thank the many P.D.D.G.Ms. and Past Masters throughout the District for their assistance, entertainment and hospitality.

**Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden**

I am indeed thankful to those of my Home Lodge and shall ever remember that it was through their

especial efforts that the great honor which has come to me, has been made possible. It was to Golden Star Lodge No. 484, that I made my first official visit on the evening of Tuesday, February 10th. Witnessed Wor. Bro. H. Humphries work the E.A. Degree in a very efficient manner.

Unfortunately the Lodge had their hall and furniture partially destroyed by fire, which occurred on the 13th, just three days after the above meeting; the damage, however was fully covered by insurance and the Brethren have continued to hold meetings in the same building. The plans for a new building are now in the hands of a committee and it is the hope that a new building will be under construction at an early date.

Unfortunately our Secretary, Bro. A. Duncan, has suffered a decline in health and is in the Western Sanitarium, Toronto, and we hope for a speedy recovery. The new Secretary, Bro. Geo. Dechert, just elected, has entered upon his duties. He is a most competent and skilful Brother, endowed with much zeal for the affairs of the Craft and should prove a great help to the lodge.

### **Sioux Lookout Lodge, No. 518, March 2nd, 1925**

A good attendance of the Brethren of Sioux Lookout greeted me on my official visit to their lodge. There being no candidate available, Wor. Bro. A. C. Hansworth and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in an almost faultless manner. After the business of the evening had been completed, I had the honour and pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the lodge, a past masters' jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. W. H. Green, after which I gave an address on the origin and antiquity of the Lambskin or white leather apron, which was greatly appreciated by those present and again by request of the Wor. Master, I was afforded the pleasure of presenting on behalf of the Officers and Brethren of the lodge a beautiful set of gold cuff links to Bro. N. D. McArthur, who had recently removed with his family to Strathcona, much to the regret of the lodge. Bro. D. R. Rorke has a splendid system of bookkeeping and is making a great effort to put the lodge in good financial standing, by reducing the amount of outstanding dues,

which were much too great. The prospects of the lodge are good.

#### **Pequonga Lodge No. 444, March 4th, 1925**

I visited this lodge at a regular meeting and had the pleasure of witnessing the E.A. Degree worked by Wor. Bro. Chas. Gatton and officers who were very ably assisted by Wor. Bros. I. A. Wilson, D. Kays and Katz. I beg to report that this lodge is in good financial standing and is showing great progress with abundance of material in sight for future officers of the very best. Bro. H. E. Holland has his books in splendid shape and is a most efficient Secretary.

#### **Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445, March 5th, 1925**

Visited this lodge at a special meeting called at my request at which Wor. Bro. C. L. Parrot gave me a very cordial reception.

Witnessed the F.C. Degree worked on a very efficient candidate in an almost faultless manner. I am much indebted to Wor. Bro. H. F. C. Machin, who gave a most impressive and eloquent address on Charity. Bro. W. J. Heaney is a most efficient Secretary, keeping his books up to date in every particular. The prospects of this lodge are very bright.

#### **Keewatin Lodge No. 417, March 6th, 1925**

Officially visited and witnessed Wor. Bro. C. W. House and officers work the F.C. Degree in a very correct and impressive manner. I was much indebted to the Brethren of Kenora and Keewatin for assistance and entertainment during my official visit. I beg to report a most enthusiastic spirit of Fraternity in abundant evidence.

I also wish to thank Right Wor. Bros. Jno. Ker Brydon and Geo. Smith for assistance and instruction.

#### **Royal Lodge, April 1st, 1925**

On this evening the Past Masters' Association of Port Arthur and Fort William made their annual visit, which added greatly to the interest of the occasion.



Witnessed the E.A. Degree conferred in a very correct manner by Wor. Bro. A. D. Batchelor and his officers. Wor. Bro. A. H. Knutson, Wor. Master of Thunder Bay Lodge, No. 618, gave a very interesting address on Masonry and what it stands for, its influence as World Builder, all of which was much appreciated. The Secretary's books are in splendid shape and the prospects of this lodge are good.

### **Thunder Bay Lodge, No. 618, April 2nd, 1925**

Witnessed the F.C. Degree conferred on two very efficient candidates. Wor. Bro. A. H. Knutson and officers put a depth of feeling and expression into the Work, which is seldom surpassed. Bro. A. V. Chapman has his books in splendid condition and I have pleasure in reporting for the Baby Lodge of the Jurisdiction a prosperous future.

### **Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, April 7th, 1925**

Right Wor. Bro. W. S. Beaver and Right Wor. Bro. F. B. Allen, introduced me in a very courteous and fraternal manner, at a regular meeting. There was no degree work for the evening, and after the ordinary business had been dispensed with and the lodge closed by Wor. Bro. Geo. Blanchard and his officers, the Brethren repaired to the Banquet Hall where much speaking and other splendid entertainment passed the evening away all too quickly. I beg to report for the Mother Lodge of the District excellent progress and good financial standing. Wor. Bro. A. P. Freed has his books in splendid shape and is of great assistance to the Brethren of Shuniah Lodge in general.

### **Fort William Lodge No. 415, April 8th, 1925**

Visited this lodge at a regular meeting where I was greeted by a record attendance. The spacious and well appointed hall being filled almost to its capacity. After the business of the Lodge had been completed and I had given a short address, the lodge was closed in splendid form. No. 415 is in splendid financial condition and its wonderful Spirit of Friendship and Brotherly Love cannot be excelled in any Jurisdiction. The real Spirit of Free Masonry is very evident and goes far towards

making the visitor feel a rest indeed. I shall carry through life a fond remembrance of the Masonic Brethren of Port Arthur and Fort William.

### **Granite Lodge, No. 446, April 5th, 1925**

Lodge opened in due time and I was most efficiently presented by Right Wor. Bro. F. Rossborough and his officers exemplifying the M.M. Degree on a most efficient candidate in an almost faultless manner. This Lodge is deserving of great credit, not only for the correct manner in which the Work of the evening was carried out, but for the wonderful Spirit of real Fraternal Friendship apparently existing between the Brethren of Fort Francis, Emo and Rainey River. Wor. Bro. F. H. Warner is an excellent Secretary and has a very efficient system of bookkeeping.

It has been strenuously impressed upon my mind that Wor. Bro. Warner has laboured long and faithfully for the cause of Masonry and is deserving of some recognition for his efforts in the building of their Masonic Home, which is not only a credit to the Craft but to the town of Fort Francis.

### **Manitou Lodge U.D. Emo, May 6th, 1925**

Left Fort Francis in company with Wor. Bro. F. H. Warner, who very kindly invited me to accompany him to Emo for the purpose of Instituting Manitou Lodge by command of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. Many of the Past Masters and Brethren of Granite Lodge No. 446 made the trip, where I was very ably assisted in the ceremony of Institution by Right Wor. Bro. C. J. Hollands and J. W. Walker P.D.D.G.Ms. of the District to whom I am greatly indebted. Much enthusiasm was shown not only by the Brethren of Manitou Lodge but there was abundant evidence of a real Masonic Spirit of Friendship, each Bro. evidently making a special effort to outclass his neighbour in extending his heartfelt sympathy and most strenuous aid in the organization and future prosperity of this lodge.

I must not fail to report, with due appreciation, the effort of the Brethren of Manitou Lodge acquiring the

beautiful and well appointed hall, which would be creditable to a much larger community and was an occasion of surprise, not only to myself, but to many of the Brethren of Granite and Ionic Lodge.

After the ceremony had been completed and it was proclaimed that Manitou Lodge had been legally and duly Instituted, the Brethren repaired to the I.O.O.F. hall where the Ladies had prepared a banquet. Right Wor. Bro. C. J. Hollands, who is admitted to be the Father of Masonry in the community of Fort Frances, very ably gave us a short outline of the history of the Craft from the inception of Granite Lodge No. 446 in 1898, which was much appreciated by all present.

#### **Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River, Ont. May 7th, 1925**

Had a splendid and enthusiastic meeting. Witnessed the E.A. Degree exemplified by I.P.M. Wor. Bro. J. P. Rydeen, Wor. Bro. L. L. Budsen, Wor. Master being unavoidably detained from lodge, and officers assisted by Right Wor. Bro. C. J. Hollands in a very correct and most impressive manner.

The Junior Warden gave the lecture of the Degree, correctly and with much feeling. Right Wor. Bro. C. J. Hollands gave the charge in the North East angle in the most impressive and correct manner which it has been my pleasure to witness. Bro. Russell has his books in find shape and is a very efficient secretary.

#### **Port Arthur Lodge No. 499, May 11th, 1925**

On this occasion, Wor. Bro. A. Watson and officers assisted by Very Wor. Bro. A. Rome, exemplified the third degree, the work being accomplished beyond reproach. The Grand Master then closed the Lodge. By request of the Wor. Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. B. Allen, very ably addressed the Brethren on the reason why our Grand Lodge is called the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Very Wor. Bro. A. Rome is a most efficient secretary and has his books in excellent order.

**Kaministiquia Lodge, No. 584, Fort William,  
May 12th, 1925**

Here I was greeted by a good attendance of the Craft. Wor. Bro. R. S. Dell very efficiently exemplified the E.A. Degree.

Rt. Wor. Bro. F. Symes very ably delivered the Lecture in the North East angle of the Lodge and Bro. F. J. Rathbone gave the Junior Warden's Lecture, with much credit, after which I had the pleasure of addressing the Brethren, briefly, on the efficiency of their work during the evening, stressing the Golden Rule to some extent in regard to our Masonic relations in a spirit of friendly but instructive criticism of the work. Very Wor. Bro. Coo presented the Working Tools most efficiently. There is indeed much honour due to the Wor. Master and Brethren of this Lodge, not only for their efficiency in the work, but for the splendid feeling of Brotherhood and real friendship, which is so abundantly in evidence. Very Wor. Bro. S. C. Read is a splendid secretary.

**Connaught Lodge No. 511, West Fort William, May 13th  
1925**

Wor. Bro. A. E. Wray and officers worked the M.M. Degree in splendid form on a very efficient candidate. Wor. Bro. Jno. Bell of Fort William Lodge and several of the Past Masters of the Fort William Lodge and also of the Port Arthur Lodge paid a friendly visit on this occasion. Wor. Bro. F. R. Lumby delivered a very interesting address on the Jewish Sect of the Essenes and their probable connection with the Ancient Free Masonry after which a very pleasant time was spent at the banquet following.

Much credit is due to Wor. Bro. D. McMillan as secretary.

**The Past Masters' Association, of Port Arthur and Fort  
William, Fort William, May 14th, 1925**

My last night in the twin cities was spent as a guest of this Honorable Institution, being admitted by invitation into the mysteries and privileges of the August Body. I beg to state that the influence of this Association and

the great interest of its members goes far to promote the Principles of Masonry and to uphold the uniformity of the work, which is an outstanding feature of the Seven Lodges at the head of the Lakes.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of this Masonic District and especially the Past Masters and past Grand Officers for assistance in the work throughout my official visits. I feel that the year past has been one of great benefit to me and I sincerely hope and trust, of some profit to others.

I wish to acknowledge with grateful heart the many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me and I sincerely trust that my successor in office may receive the same loyal support.

Fraternally submitted,

ADAM McD. TAYLOR.  
D.D.G.M. Algoma District.



## BRANT DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit my report for your consideration on the condition of Masonry in Brant District No. 23, during the past Masonic year.

I first wish to express to the Brethren of the district my sincere appreciation of the honor they conferred upon me and Doric Lodge, No. 121, in electing me to this high and important office, as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I desire to take this opportunity of thanking all the Brethren who have so willingly accompanied me on my official visits, as I appreciate their efforts more than words can express.

My first official act on assuming office was to appoint W. Bro. F. S. Blain of Reba Lodge, No. 515, as my district secretary, and I want to express to him my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for his untiring efforts to make all my visits a success.

I find the condition of Masonry in Brant District in a very flourishing and prosperous condition. I could not help but notice the harmony which exists between all lodges in the district and that is as it should be in Masonry throughout the world.

I was very pleased to find so many Lodges in the District that had not one member behind in his dues and think that speaks very highly for both the officers and members. It is one thing, I think, that should be impressed on the members of every lodge to see that their dues are paid in advance.

I am very proud of the lodges in Brant District for the way they have responded to the call for benevolence and they have certainly expressed the true Masonic Spirit and I hope they will continue the good work until time shall be no more.

I have visited every Lodge in the District at least once, and some of them many times, and find the work uniform and very impressively done. The lodges all want to do the work as nearly perfect as possible. I had the honor of installing the officers in five of the lodges and appreciate the assistance given me by the Past Masters of the city lodges.

I also had the honor of assisting Most Worshipful Bro. W. J. Drope, the Grand Master, to dedicate the new Lodge Room of Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville. We were royally entertained by the Brethren of that lodge and they are to be congratulated on their very beautiful new quarters.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Semi-Centennial of King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis, and I think every lodge in the District was represented at that meeting. We were given a real Masonic welcome.

In conclusion, I desire once more to express to the Brethren of the District my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses and hearty reception given to me in every lodge in the District. I bespeak for my successor the same cordial assistance which was so cheerfully extended to me and to add that my year as D.D.G.M. has been the most pleasant of my Masonic career.

Fraternally submitted,

J. P. TEMPLE, D.D.G.M.,  
Brant District.

## BRUCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with much pleasure that I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Bruce District, and the work of the various lodges during the past Masonic year.

It has been a year of much pleasure and profit to me, and I wish to sincerely thank my brethren for the great honour they conferred upon me in electing me to so distinguished a position. I am fully conscious of the honour and I have tried to be worthy of the great confidence and trust the brethren have placed in me.

Everywhere and at all times I have met with kindness, courtesy and hospitality for which I thank the brethren.

To those who so ably helped me in my work, who gave me kindly advice, who accompanied me on my visits and cheered me by the inspiration of their presence, I am deeply grateful.

I was fortunate in appointing as District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Reg. I. Shannon, who has been efficiency itself, and untiring in his efforts in arranging official visits and all that appertained to the work of the District.

I appointed as District Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Rev. R. P. D. Hudford, B.D. who accompanied us on many visits, was always cheerful in his associations with the brethren and was both eloquent and an inspiration when he spoke at the banquet table.

The Ruling Masters of the Twenty-fourth District are without exception, able, devoted and courteous men and inspiring in their efforts to make their lodges a success, the secretary next to the Master is I consider the most important officer in the lodge and with one exception the books and records of the different lodges are in good order,

the notices all that could be desired and are mailed promptly.

I have therefore little to criticize but much to praise and approve. True in some of the lodges the degree work might be given with more decision and exactness in the spoken phrases but whatever lack there was in this particular it was more than made up in the earnestness and sincerity with which the work was done. The replies received from a circular letter addressed to all the lodges in the District, about holding a lodge of instruction were such that I did not consider it expedient to do so. The idea that seemed to prevail was that more good could be accomplished by an exchange of visits by the various lodges.

I have visited all the lodges in the District at least once and have received much pleasure and profit from each visit.

### **Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover**

On November the 7th I made an official visit to this lodge and was accompanied by several of the Tara Brethren. We received a most hearty welcome and had the pleasure of seeing the work of the third degree using the musical ritual exemplified in a most creditable manner by the officers and Past Masters of this splendid lodge. The Craft at Hanover are to be congratulated on their splendid line of Past Masters and the interest they take in all that appertains to the welfare of the brethren generally. The attendance was good and the interest taken in the work perfect.

### **Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford**

Visited this lodge on Nov. 17th in company with R.W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald and Bro. R. M. Young. This lodge has one of the best Masonic Homes in the District and it is exceptionally well furnished.

The attendance was small there being no degree work; the officers opened and closed in the several degrees and in a manner that convinced me that they were alive to the responsibilities of their several offices.

**Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton**

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd, and the work of the Fellow Craft Degree was exemplified by the officers of the lodge in a most creditable manner. This is one of the largest lodges in the District in point of membership and has one of the finest and best furnished Masonic Homes in the district. The attendance was good, the attentive interest taken in the work was splendid and altogether there was little to criticize and much to commend.

**Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley**

Visited this lodge on the evening of March 5th, and heard the business of the evening disposed of in a most business like manner.

Forest Lodge has a treasure in the person of W. Bro. Stevens their genial and ever courteous secretary. In fact all the officers are really splendid fellows and this lodge is in a healthy condition.

The Second Degree was conferred in a splendid manner upon a candidate who was remarkably well prepared and who appeared to be impressed with the spirit of the occasion.

Wor. Bro. Krug the Worshipful Master amply maintains the character of the work effectively exemplified by previous Worshipful Masters.

**Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton**

I visited this lodge on March 10th and was kindly received by Wor. Bro. Norrish and his splendid staff of officers, together with a large gathering of members and visitors among whom I might mention R.W. Bro. Loughleen and R.W. Bro. Sirrs.

The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner and the business of the evening discussed and dispensed with most efficiently. There are good times ahead for Saugeen. They appear to be a very happy and contented family.



Wor. Bro. Boss is a secretary par excellence and a good secretary is a tower of strength to any lodge. There are many good things I could say about the Saugeen Brethren.

### **Port Elgin, No. 429, Port Elgin**

Visited this lodge on evening of April 2nd accompanied by W. Bro. W. Tindale of Tara. I was favorably impressed with the excellent manner in which the first degree was conferred on a bright young candidate by W. Bro. Cotterell, W.M. This was the first occasion in which the musical ritual was used in the lodge and I must say it contributed in no small way to the impressiveness of this beautiful ceremony. I found little if anything to criticize in this lodge but much to commend. Port Elgin lodge has a splendid staff of officers and some very helpful Past Masters.

### **Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley**

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially on the evening of April 3rd. Having no work the lodge was opened and closed in the various degrees in a very creditable manner. Any little slips that may have occurred were more than counterbalanced by that Masonic spirit of brotherly love and rare goodfellowship that seems to prevail in this splendid lodge. The Paisley Brothers indeed know how to make a visitor feel at home.

As usual Past Masters Barnett and Cummings were in attendance; they are a source of great strength and information to the younger brethren. Bro. Hugh McKerricher is a capable secretary, his books are models of neatness and are exceptionally well kept, the finances are sound and the business affairs appear to be carefully managed.

### **Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara**

Visited this my home and mother lodge on the evening of April 6th. The attendance was not as great as I had hoped to see.

Nevertheless it was an inspiration to see in their former accustomed places such of the older brethren as Very Wor. A. McDonald, Wor. Bro. A. McCullough and Bro. D. D. Wark. As in former days when there is anything of vital interest to the lodge these and others of the older members can be depended on to be present.

There being no candidate Wor. Bro. Tindale and officers exemplified the entered apprentice degree by proxy. I cannot say that the work was perfect but in view of the fact that this was their first attempt little criticism could be offered. The Junior Warden, Bro. Chittenden is worthy of special mention for his part in the ceremony.

This lodge has a splendid secretary in the person of Wor. Bro. R. I. Shannon, the books are perfect and I think the general business of the lodge is handled the best in this lodge of any in the District.

### **St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton**

I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of April 14th and had the pleasure of seeing an unusually well prepared candidate passed to the second degree.

This lodge owns one of the finest lodge rooms in the district, in fact it is a building situated in a splendid grounds surrounded with trees and entirely free of any encumbrance. Rt. Wor. Bro. Goodier is a splendid secretary and I have no hesitancy in saying that the record for paid up dues and soundness of finances generally are not equalled in Bruce District No. 24.

### **Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston**

Visited this lodge officially on May 11th, Wor. Bro. Bruce and officers conferred the 1st degree on a bright young candidate in a very creditable manner. This lodge is in a healthy condition, is careful of its material and so far as I could see is in every way endeavoring to keep Masonry beyond reproach. They are to be congratulated on their progress and their influence for good within their sphere of activity. I question if I have heard the Junior Warden's lecture given better than by

Bro. Anthony on this occasion. It was almost perfect both in word and clearness of delivery.

Harriston Lodge has a number of Past Masters who are to be commended for the zeal and interest they take in all that appertains to the lodges best interests. The secretary, Bro. Hucks is one of the best in the district and the notices of meetings could well be copied by some other lodges with much profit to themselves.

### **Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth**

In company with a number of the Tara brethren I visited this lodge on the evening of May 15th. Wor. Bro. Harrison and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner, the musical portion of the work being exceptionally pleasing. The attendance was large and the interest taken in the work all that could be desired. This lodge possesses the true Masonic spirit in all respects. and its Masonic influence is felt throughout the whole district. It could scarcely be otherwise with brethren such as R.W. Bro. Ernie Campbell, Very W. Bro. D. McBride and Wor. Bro. W. Brooks and others taking an active interest in all of the lodges activities.

This lodge has added considerable to their numbers during the present Masonic year and is in a very healthy condition. In fact the stability of Burns Lodge is second to none in this district.

### **Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Cargill**

Made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of May 22nd.

The attendance was very small partly owing to its being an emergent meeting and partly from the fact that a number of the brethren in this lodge have moved away. However I feel that some of the Junior Officers should make an effort to be present at all the meetings not only in justice to themselves but in justice to the Worshipful Master who should have their support at all times. There being no work the lodge was opened and closed in the Several Degrees in an almost perfect manner. The lodge room is well furnished and kept in good condition.

Just at present the books and records are in a more or less confused condition owing to the indisposition of W. Bro. Saunders the secretary. But with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Sirrs and R.W. Bro. Loughleen I am satisfied the Wor. Master will soon have all the wrinkles smoothed out. This was the last lodge in the district to be visited.

In conclusion let me again thank the many brethren throughout the district for the privilege I have had and the friendships I have formed in endeavoring to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master. I have been the recipient of so many courtesies and kindly attentions that I am unable to adequately express my appreciation. I am sure my successor will receive the same generous treatment.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

F. W. WALKER,

D.D.G.M. Bruce District.

## CHATHAM DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit my report for the District of Chatham over which I have had the honour to preside this year.

Every lodge in the district has been officially visited with the exception of Kent Lodge, Blenheim. I did not visit the lodge at Blenheim officially but was there several times while arranging for the Lodge of Instruction that was held under their warrant on May 14th. The Lodge of Instruction that was held on May 14th was very well attended. Every lodge in the district was represented in nearly every case by the Worshipful Master and his officers. The lodge was opened in all the Degrees by the Officers of Kent Lodge under the direction of Wor. Bro. Shillington in a perfect manner. The officers of Parthenon Lodge, No. 627 under the direction of Wor. Bro. Sulman conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree in a manner above criticism. The charge to the newly made mason by Wor. Bro. Somerville will be long remembered by the candidate as well as by the members of the craft who were present. It was wonderful the way that the Worshipful Brother delivered it. There was about the degree a peculiar coincidence. The Master conferring the degree at present is the Mayor of Chatham, while the candidate was the Mayor of Blenheim. Lorne Lodge of Glencoe under the direction of Wor. Bro. Diggon conferred the Fellow Craft degree also in a perfect manner. This lodge makes use of the Musical Ritual in all their degrees at home and at my request they did so at the Lodge of Instruction and were highly commended by the brethren who entered into the discussion after the degree was exemplified. The two degrees were worked in the afternoon and the Master Mason's degree in the evening. In arranging for the degrees I conferred with several Past Grand Lodge Officers and they signified their willingness to assist me in conferring the degree. I was assisted in the East by P.D.D.G.M's. Crumb,



Draper, Jeffs, Baird and Blackwell and Very Worshipful Brothers Hicks and Blackburn, Right Wor. Bro. Graham acted as Senior Warden, while Right Wor. Bro. Vincent acted as Junior Warden. Wor. Bros. McCallum and Shaw two very prominent Masters acted as Deacons. Very Wor. Bros. Huston and Teetzel acted as Stewards. Very Wor. Bro. Boadkin acted as Inner Guard. There were present at the meeting over five hundred masons, which was more than could be accommodated in the room. At the close of the work of the day the members of Kent Lodge, Blenheim presented me with a beautiful Masonic ring.

On Nov. 7th, I visited Highgate Lodge, No. 336. A very large number of the brethren were present. The Wor. Master and his officers conferred the Entered Apprentice degree in a very efficient manner. The affairs of this lodge are in a splendid condition.

On Nov. 19th, I visited Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245 Thamesville. The work of the evening was the 2nd degree. This lodge is fortunate in having the services of Right Worshipful Brother Graham as secretary, and I can assure you that he keeps a fatherly eye on the officers as was evident that not the slightest slip was noticed in the entire evening on the part of any officer.

On Dec. 5th, I visited Florence Lodge, No. 390. It was their regular meeting at which the election of officers took place. There was no degree work but the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees for my observation and was very well done. This lodge which has had so much misfortune from fire have had to meet in the Oddfellows Hall for some time. They are now building a new lodge room and expect to have it ready for their meetings this fall. The books of this lodge are very well looked after by Wor. Bro. Beatty.

On Dec. 8th, I visited Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgelytown. It was their regular meeting. Election of Officers, among other matters of business were looked after before the Fellow Craft degree was conferred. This degree conferred by Wor. Bro. Craig and his officers was very impressive I am sure on the candidate. This lodge continues to prosper very well.

In April I visited Century Lodge, No. 457. Routine business followed by the Fellow Craft degree was the work of the evening. Wor. Bro. Holmes and his officers conferred the degree in a very able manner. This lodge has a large membership. Their lodge room is far too small to accommodate their own members and I advised them to try and make some improvements. This they have under consideration. This lodge has suffered by the removal of many of their Past Masters from the jurisdiction of the lodge, and as a consequence the work falls on a very few of the past masters of the lodge, particularly Wor. Bros. Smith and Houston. This may not be so noticeable in the future, as Wor. Bro. Holmes the present master and his officers are all permanent residents of this locality, and are not likely to move. I had the pleasure with the assistance of brethren from Chatham of installing these officers in December.

On March 31st, I visited Wellington Lodge, No. 48, and Victory Lodge No. 563, Chatham. One of the oldest, and the other the youngest in the district. The work of the evening was the Master Masons degree and needless to say it was perfectly done. The officers of Victory Lodge opened and the Officers of Wellington closed the lodges. The degree work was shared by the sitting masters of both lodges. The prospects of these lodges are good. The books are extremely well kept.

On April 15th, I visited Star of the East Lodge, No. 422. This was on the evening of the day of the Dedication of their New Lodge Room. Wor. Bro. Curtis and his officers conferred the Master Masons degree in a faultless manner. Many were the remarks favorably expressed to them by many of the distinguished visitors who had assembled there that day to assist me in the dedication ceremony. P.D.D.G.M's Kelly, Jeffs, Blackwell and Graham as well as D.D.G.M. Graham of Sarnia District remained for the evening meeting. This lodge is in a very satisfactory condition.

On April 22nd, I visited Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham. Wor. Bro. Sulman and his officers conferred the entered apprentice degree in a manner as only they can do. Wor. Bro. Sulman has the assistance of a large

number of the Past Masters including Right Wor. Bro. Draper. The finances of this lodge are very well looked after by the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Martin. This lodge assisted me at the Lodge of Instruction by exemplifying this degree.

On May 4th, I visited Pnyx Lodge, No. 312. The Wor. Bro. Warrener and his officers conferred the Fellow Craft degree in a very creditable manner. There was a large number of Pynx members present. Wor. Bro. Baxter, Master of Victory Lodge, who was made a mason in Pnyx Lodge was present.

On May 6th, I visited Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden. Wor. Bro. Craven and his officers conferred the Entered Apprentice degree in an exceedingly able manner. This lodge has the advice of Right Wor. Bros. Jeffs and Blackwell. The books of the secretary, Wor. Bro. French or as we in the district call him "Uncle John" are a credit to him as well as to his lodge.

On Tuesday, May 12th, I visited Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe. A large number of members as well as a great number of visitors were present, among them Rt. Wor. Bro. Graham. Wor. Bro. Diggon and his officers conferred the Fellow Craft degree in a faultless manner. Their work is perfectly done. The musical ritual as used by them added very much to the impressiveness of the degree. This lodge assisted me by exemplifying this degree at the Lodge of Instruction.

On June 1st, I visited Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville, Wor. Bro. McIntyre and his officers after the regular meeting at which the election of officers were held, conferred the Master Mason's degree. This entire degree was taken care of by the Worshipful Master in a very creditable manner. The condition of this lodge has greatly improved and the prospects are very bright.

I beg to suggest that the constitution be amended to compel each lodge to deposit their monies in a bank. In this district this is done with only one exception. This lodge has considerable money on hand, but none on deposit and I drew their attention to this state of affairs and they promised to attend to it.

The work is carried out in this district very well and conforms to the standard work very close. The corrections I requested some of them to make were only minor ones. The members in this district are very enthusiastic. At every official visit I made the lodge rooms were filled to capacity. At the Lodge of Instruction as I have previously stated over five hundred (500) attended. At the Dedication of Star of the East Lodge, Bothwell, nearly four hundred (400) attended, and every Grand Lodge Office was filled by a member of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of Chatham district for their kindness in recommending myself to you, Most Worshipful Sir, as your representative and your confirming that recommendation. I have had the heartiest co-operation with all the Masters of the Lodges and with my predecessors and Officers, particularly Right Wor. Bros. Draper, Graham, Jeffs and Blackwell.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. E. CLEMENTS,

D.D.G.M. Chatham District.

### EASTERN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

I have the honor to present herewith, my report as District Deputy Grand Master for this District for the year just closing.

First, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the District for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, and for the splendid support given me by several Brethren of my mother lodge, especially Wor. Bro. J. H. Munro, M.D., who, at considerable inconvenience, accompanied me upon quite a number of my visits.

And I also wish to express my gratitude to the officers and members of the various lodges for the unfailing courtesy and many kindnesses they extended to me when visiting their respective lodges.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. G. H. McDougall as District Secretary and Wor. Bro. Peter Munro as District Chaplain. Both of these Brethren were generous in their assistance.

With one exception, all my visits were made at Regular Communications and the courteous and ready acquiescence of officers and members to every request, made the work one of genuine pleasure.

### Official Visits

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450—My first official visit was made to this lodge on Thursday 6th November, at their regular communication, when I was accompanied by Wor. Bros. G. H. McDougall, District Secretary, Peter Munro, District Chaplain, and J. H. Munro, M.D. We were most cordially received and I found that this lodge, though situated in a community that is largely French-Canadian in population, is among the best, when viewed in the light of Masonry.



The appointments of their lodge room are excellent, their attendance well up to the average, while the exemplification of the First Degree, by Wor. Bro. A. E. Gourlay, W.M., and his officers, was most excellently performed, their floor work being particularly good.

Several Brethren from St. John's Lodge, 21A, Vanklèek Hill, headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Arch McRae, P.D.D.G.M., were present and contributed to the evening's profit and pleasure.

Though they do not own their rooms, this lodge is in splendid financial condition. And I found, that with a membership of 98 there was only \$25.00 of unpaid dues, and none of this for more than one year outstanding. The fire insurance carried is quite ample. Thanks for this happy condition of affairs, is due in a large degree to Ver. Wor. Bro. J. W. Holtby, the Secretary, a faithful and efficient officer, whose books are a model of neatness.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207—This old and historic lodge I visited at their Regular Communication, on Tuesday, 11th November, being accompanied by Wor. Bro. J. H. Munro, M.D.

With Scottish warmth, our reception was most cordial. As the result of far-sighted vision, Lancaster Lodge is the happy possessor of a building of splendid proportions. The lower flat being rented for residential purposes, brings in quite a revenue. The lodge and ante rooms occupy the second flat, and are models in size and general equipment. There is also attached thereto, a lot with good barn and shed. Everything considered, this lodge is in good financial condition, and they have a splendid lot of young Masons.

On the evening of my visit, two candidates were raised, by Wor. Bro. J. F. McKinnon the W.M., whose work was splendidly done and he was ably assisted by his efficient staff of officers. That old stand-by, Wor. Bro. McRae, and Wor. Bro. H. M. Grant of Martintown Lodge, contributed to the successful exemplification of the evening's work.

I regretted that owing to the serious illness of Rt. Wor. Bro. R. T. Nicholson, P.D.D.G.M., who was an

excellent secretary, he was not able to be present, but I rejoiced that Wor. Bro. J. P. Snider, a Mason of 48 years' standing was with us, and I had the honor of being introduced by him.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439—My official visit to this lodge, at their regular communication on December 16th, was fraught with particular pleasure for me, as it was my privilege, upon that occasion to officiate at the Dedication of their new Masonic Temple, a building, which for lodge and club purposes, is not only a credit to the Craft, but also stands as a practical testimony to the wisdom and self-denying efforts of the officers and the members of No. 439, who, under circumscribed possibilities, not only acquired this property, worth between \$4,000 and \$5,000, but have also inaugurated a system of payments for the same that ensures the wiping off of the full amount of indebtedness in about eight years' time.

The lower flat is used for club purposes, the open fire place being most inviting, while the lodge and ante rooms occupy the upper flat.

The lodge room proper, is furnished in good taste, and is equipped in proper manner.

On the property, and immediately adjoining the Temple is an up-to-date lawn bowling green, which is the mecca for devotees of the sport during the Summer months.

Upon my official visit, I had the honor of being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. A. Bradley, P.D.D.G.M., who also rendered splendid service during the evening's ceremonies.

There being no work on the regular agenda, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. Wor. Bro. H. J. McGillivray, W.M., and his staff of officers, are most capable. While Wor. Bro. H. L. Cheney, the efficient and painstaking secretary, has his books in splendid shape.

The arrearage of unpaid dues is a little too large, but the insurance carried on building and furniture, amply protects against loss by fire.

With a membership of 84—most of whom are enthusiastic young Masons— I feel that Alexandria Lodge has it's best years in the future.

Following my official visit, the new Temple was dedicated with all the impressive ceremony observed upon such occasions.

The attendance was large, several of the lodges in the district being well represented. And besides Rt. Wor. Bro. Bradley, many Grand Lodge officers assisted, in a manner that made the evening's labor, a real pleasure.

In common with all the visitors, I will look back upon this event with the most grateful appreciation of the cordiality of our reception, and join with them in the prayer, that not only the present, but that many succeeding generations may be heirs to the beneficial influences radiating from Alexandria's Masonic Temple.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186—(Riceville, Ont.)— This old and honorable lodge, I visited at the regular communication on Monday 2nd February, being accompanied by Bro. A. H. Allin, and notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the roads, and the widely dispersed membership the attendance was good.

Plantagenet is an old lodge, in whose body have been made many Masons, who, in after years, were charter members in other lodges formed in this, and adjoining districts.

In this—Prescott—County, which adjoins the Ottawa River, the French Canadian invasion is being keenly felt, but the membership of this lodge, between fifty and sixty, can boast of owning their own hall, free from debt, and upon which, they carry ample fire insurance. The lodge and ante rooms occupy the upper flat, while the lower flat is used as a banquet or public meeting hall. Adequate furniture has been provided, while the general appointments are pleasing.

On the evening of my visit, one Brother was passed to the Second, and the work was preformed in a splendid manner by Wor. Bro. J. H. McIntosh, W.M., who, though a busy man, has contributed much to the general

welfare of the community as a result of his Masonic affiliation. His Wardens and other officers are well posted, and the interests of the Craft are in safe and capable hands, in this particular jurisdiction.

Special attention must be made of the splendid services rendered by Wor. Bro. G. A. Ryan, the painstaking and efficient secretary, who, for many years has contributed much to the highest interests of his lodge. His books are well kept. In Rt. Wor. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, P.D.D.G.M., by whom I had the pleasure of being introduced, Plantagenet Lodge has a tower of strength. He appears never to weary in his Masonic duties, and he is blessed with wisdom that is far-seeing.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. Peter Munro, Dist. Chaplain, I paid my official visit to this lodge on Tuesday, 3rd February at the regular communication.

The members of this lodge, though housed in comfortable and commodious quarters, for which the rental is quite modest, have formed the unprofitable habit of disregarding punctuality in their hour of meeting. I trust that my advice in that respect will not go wholly unheeded.

The fixtures and furnishings of the lodge room are quite sufficient, and are insured against loss by fire.

Avonmore Lodge is fortunate in having had for many years as secretary, Wor. Bro. S. E. Shaver, whose books are neatly kept and the collection of dues is well attended to.

Though only his second night in the chair, Wor. Bro. Thorold Rutley, conferred the Second Degree on a particularly well posted candidate, in a manner that promises well for his future efficiency. The Wardens are capable and the floor work of the other officers was well executed.

In common with some others, Avonmore Lodge cannot boast of rapid increase in membership, but there is a steady, healthy growth that augurs well for its future prosperity.



St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, Vankleek Hill, Ont.— It was my privilege to pay my official visit to this old and historically honorable lodge, at their regular communication on Tuesday, March 10th. Notwithstanding that the weather was not propitious, there was a good attendance of members and my reception was most cordial. It was a real joy for me to renew fraternal courtesies with brethren whose friendship I have prized for many years. Among those, may I mention Rt. Wor. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, P.D.D.G.M., of Plantagenet Lodge.

I had the honor of being introduced by that prince of good fellows and enthusiastic Mason Rt. Wor. Bro. Arch. McRae, P.D.D.G.M. He was assisted by Very Wor. Bro. S. Morrison, whose friendship I have cherished all the years of the present century.

My feeling upon entering the meeting place of this lodge, that dates its birth back some four score years, was one of reverence. Curiously wrought furniture that was installed when the lodge operated under the Irish Register, is still in use by the Wardens. Emblematic banners that were carried in procession also at that time hang upon the walls, while I noticed in the framed list of officers, that occupies a prominent position, that in 1865, Dr. Jas. T. Munro, father of Wor. Bro. J. H. Munro, M.D., of Maxville Lodge, was secretary of St. John's Lodge. This old gentleman is still hale and hearty.

The furniture and other appointments of this lodge bespeak wise selection, and I felt signally honored, that I should be present upon the evening when a beautifully designed altar bearing appropriate Craft emblems, was used for the first time. This was the personal gift of Bro. Arch McKenzie, who designed and built the same. A record of the Lodge's appreciation of this splendid gift was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The work of the evening was the initiation of two candidates, and it is only just for me to say that I have never witnessed the same done in any better manner, than that performed by Wor. Bro. John Hartley, and his staff of efficient and well informed officers.



Their enunciation was excellent, and could not fail to impress the candidates, who will doubtless prove worthy members of a worthy Mother Lodge.

Bro. W. R. Hall, the secretary, has his books in splendid shape, and I found the financial condition of the lodge to be quite satisfactory.

Martintown Lodge, No. 596—In company with Wor. Bro. J. H. Munro, M.D., I visited this lodge at their regular communication on Thursday, 12th March. Though in rented quarters, this vigorous young lodge has sumptuously furnished rooms and the quality of the membership is up to the standard of any.

It is unfortunate that in spite of the fidelity of the "faithful few", in the punctuality of their attendance, the hour of opening is indefinite to too many. In justice to those who do meet promptly, as well as to the welfare of the lodge, I urged upon those present to endeavor to overcome this habit, which is easily acquired and works to the detriment of the Craft.

Martintown Lodge has a staff of good officers. Wor. Bro. G. A. Butzer, W.M., presided and was assisted by Wor. Bro. A. Grant Gordon, by whom I was introduced.

Though the conferring of several degrees was on the agenda, none of the candidates were present, so the opening and closing of the lodge in the several degrees, constituted the evening's work. In this, Wor. Bro. Butzer and his Wardens showed themselves proficient, as did also the Deacons in the execution of the floor work.

Owing to the absence of the Secretary, Bro. D. H. McDougall, I am not in a position to report as to the manner in which the records are kept, but from past knowledge, I esteem that the interest of the lodge in this connection is well guarded.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418—To this, my Mother Lodge, and the one with which I am still connected, I paid my official visit at their regular communication on Friday, 13th March, and while a prophet may be without honor in his own country, I have every reason

to be grateful for the warmth of the welcome extended me. The attendance was unusually large, and as Wor. Bro. G. H. McDougall, Dist. Secretary introduced me, I was impressed with the importance of ritual in Masonry, as I was not only personally known to every Brother present, but have known many of them from their youth, up.

Maxville Lodge has most comfortable quarters, and I am glad to report that commendable progress is being made, not only in numerical strength, but also in that strength of Masonic knowledge that tends to enlarge and adorn the mind.

In Wor. Wor. J. H. Munro, M.D., 418 has a Master who is most capable, and his presentation, as a personal gift, of a duly embossed Volume of the Sacred Law to every candidate, Raised by him, is a most graceful act, and one that is fully in keeping with the highest ideals of the Craft.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Third Degree upon a candidate that was particularly well posted. In this, Wor. Bro. Munro showed himself to be skilled to an eminent degree, and his Wardens as well as the other officers, discharged the duties of their respective offices in a manner that left little to be desired.

Bro. W. S. McLean, Secretary, is a capable officer, and displays the same fidelity in that position as he did when "doing his bit" at the head of his Company, overseas.

With the present staff of officers, this lodge may look forward with confidence to the future, knowing that due care is being exercised in the East, West and South.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125—My visit to this lodge at their regular communication on Wednesday, 1st April, was an occasion when profit and pleasure were found in full measure. There was an exceptionally large attendance, and my reception was marked by such fraternal courtesies that made the evening one to be remembered by me with the most kindly recollections.

The lodge room, ante rooms and banquet hall are splendidly situated, and fully equipped with furniture

and fixtures, which are not only in accord with constitution and ritual but are also models of convenience and neatness.

I had the honor of being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. John Ridley, P.D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. C. J. Hamilton, M.D.

Upon the evening of my visit, the Sublime degree was conferred upon a well posted and most promising candidate. In the conferring of this degree as well as in the conduct of the other labors of the evening, Wor. Bro. J. C. MacFarlane, W.M., showed himself to be a master craftsman, skilled to a degree, well-nigh perfect. He is possessed of that happy faculty of winning the loyal support of every member of this old and honorable lodge.

To me, it was a pleasing feature, to note the presence of several Past Masters, who, though not in active service, so far as office goes, retain such a keen interest in Craft matter, that they are prepared at any time to assume the gavel.

In the Wardens, Wor. Bro. MacFarlane has most able support. They know their work and discharge their duties with a correctness of deportment, born of diligent study. The same may be said of the Deacons and Stewards. Their floor work was splendidly executed.

Cornwall Lodge can pride itself in that it has a model secretary in that veteran, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Ridley, whose books are models of neatness, and who has the records and all papers of the lodge in perfect order. The financial standing is excellent, the dues well collected, while ample fire insurance is carried.

I noted that the lodge has the nucleus of a good Masonic library, while the walls of the banquet hall are adorned with the enlarged photos of the Past Masters. Both these features I can cordially recommend.

After the regular work of the evening, a very pleasant hour was spent, the several speeches breathing a loyalty to those principles which tend to our social and national greatness.

In brief, Cornwall Lodge, has not only a bright and growing present but also a promising future.

Wales Lodge, No. 458—Monday, April 6th, was the date of my official visit to this lodge, a lodge where I was most cordially welcomed by both old and new found friends.

Upon this occasion, I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. G. H. McDougall, Dist. Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. H. Munro, M.D., and Bros. Jas. D. Grant, and A. H. Allin,

This was their regular communication, but as no work was on the agenda, Wor. Bro. A. L. Feader, W.M., at my request, exemplified the Third Degree in a manner that showed him to be most competent. His Wardens and other officers, are Brethren well qualified for their respective positions.

The lodge room, though not large, is quite comfortable and furnished in good taste.

Wales Lodge is not only to be congratulated on the general proficiency of it's officers but is singularly fortunate in having as it's Secretary, Wor. Bro. G. C. Colquhoun. He is fully alive to the best interests of the Craft and keeps his books in a business-like manner..

The financial condition of this lodge is very satisfactory, the dues well paid, and the quality of the membership assures the continued prosperity of this lodge, which has contributed in a large measure to the present high standard of Masonry in this District.

Cardinal Lodge, No. 491—My visit to this lodge at their regular communication on Friday, May 1st, was an event that proved of genuine pleasure and profit to me from the time of my arrival in the afternoon, until my departure, the Brethren of this progressive lodge under the leadership of Wor. Bro. E. J. McLatchie, W.M., were unremitting in their efforts to make my stay a pleasant one, and in this, they were signally successful.

On this occasion, I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. J. W. Kennedy, M.P., who, fortunately, was able to get away from his Parliamentary duties at Ottawa for a few hours.



I was glad to find Cardinal Lodge free from those petty piques that too frequently detract from the full measure of success being attained. Here, they appear ready to advance the "other fellow" and his interests, which, to my mind, is the kernel of Masonic principle.

The lodge room is commodious and well furnished and quite ample for all present needs. Sufficient fire insurance is carried. And the Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. T. Kingston, has his books in splendid shape. Dues are well collected, and as a consequence the lodge is in A1. financial condition.

On the night of my visit the attendance was very large, quite a number of Brethren from Central Lodge, Prescott; Nation Lodge, Spencerville, and Iroquois Lodge were present and contributed their quota to the evening's success. This act of fraternal courtesy on the part of the Brethren from St. Lawrence District, I appreciated very much.

I had the pleasure of being introduced by Wor. Bro. Dr. Williams, a Mason in act as well as in word.

The work was the exemplification of the Third Degree, the candidate being particularly well instructed. This was conducted by Wor. Bro. McLatchie who is well skilled and is assisted by Wardens and other officers who know their work and perform the same intelligently—in a manner that cannot fail to impress the candidate. I also noted that the Past Masters keep in close touch with the work and are prepared to assist at any time.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320—An unusually large number of the Brethren of this lodge were in attendance upon the night of my official visit, Monday, 11th May, at their regular communication.

Happy indeed is the position of this lodge, that will, this year, celebrate it's Golden Jubilee. In conjunction with the I.O.O.F., they own a splendid two storey brick building, with a commodious basement. And it is gratifying to know that this joint ownership is working most harmoniously.



The lodge room proper, is quite spacious, and splendidly equipped. This also can be said about the ante rooms in connection therewith.

Upon both building and furnishings, ample fire insurance is carried. And thanks largely to the efficient and painstaking work of Wor. Bro. Geo. Elliott, secretary, the financial standing of the lodge is of the best.

Upon my introduction by Wor. Bro. J. G. Tate, I had the pleasure of being accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. O. D. Casselman, P.D.D.G.M., whose influence in private and public life has been felt for good, beyond the confines of District No. 21.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the First Degree, and the manner in which Wor. Bro. D. Allison, W.M., and his officers performed the duties of their respective offices, showed that the present and future welfare of Chesterville Lodge is in capable hands.

I was impressed by the manner in which Bro. C. F. Marsilis, J.W., delivered the Lecture, and I found that in No. 320 the letter and spirit of the ritual are happily blended.

Finch Lodge, No. 557—Accompanied by Bro. Norman A. MacRae, I paid my official visit to this lodge on Thursday, 7th May, their regular communication. The attendance was large and my reception most cordial.

I was indeed glad to meet Rt. Wor. Bro. G. A. Bradley, P.D.D.G.M., of Alexandria, who is a member of this lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. D. A. MacNaughton, P.D.D.G.M., by whom I was introduced, and who has been, and is, one of the most active and efficient Masons in this jurisdiction.

Though the second youngest in the District, Finch Lodge has most comfortable quarters. They are well equipped for all present needs, and the spirit of intelligent optimism that prevails, spells success for the future.

Ample fire insurance is carried. The dues are well met and Very Wor. Bro. Arthur McMillan, Secretary, keeps his books in a business-like manner. His duties are well attended to.

In a manner that reflected credit upon his proficiency, Wor. Bro. Will C. Johnston, W.M., conferred the Third Degree. He is one that is well skilled, and he has most able assistance in his Wardens, Deacons and Stewards. In brief, Finch Lodge is well officered and the increase in its membership is composed of men who merit the tongue of good report.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester, Ont.—No where in the District was I more cordially received than by the members of this lodge, whom I visited at their regular communication on Friday, May 8th. And not only was my reception most gratifying but the keen and intelligent interest displayed by the large number of Brethren present, showed that Masonry is a vital factor in the life of Winchester and district.

As might be expected, the appointment of their lodge room are most pleasing and the manner in which the routine work is transacted is business-like.

In Wor. Bro. F. A. Coons, Henderson Lodge has an ideal secretary, who has the dues well collected and the financial condition of the lodge in a healthy state. An efficient secretary is a joy to any Master.

I had the pleasure of being introduced by Wor. Bro. G. A. Payne and of being accompanied upon my introduction by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Sweet, M.P.P., P.D.D.G.M., who has not only been honored by his Brethren of Henderson Lodge, and Eastern District No. 21, but also by his fellow citizens of Dundas County who have in him an honored representative in the Provincial Legislature.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Second Degree upon a particularly well posted candidate who cannot fail to be a desirable acquisition. In the conferring of this degree, Wor. Bro. A. H. Annable, W.M. showed himself to be a skilled Craftsman while the work of the Wardens reflected credit upon their skill, Bro. H. B. Fetterley, S.W., delivered the lecture in an impressive manner. The Deacons and Stewards also contributed their full share to the successful exemplification of this Passing.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville, Ont.—My official visit to this lodge, I made, in company with Wor. Bro. J. H. Munro, M.D., at an Emergent Communication held on Wednesday evening, 27th May, and I was greeted by a large number of the members of this old lodge, whose reception was most cordial.

The Masonic quarters here, are situated in a splendid brick building, facing a magnificent sweep of the majestic St. Lawrence. The furniture and other appointments have been chosen with good taste, while the exemplification of the work is done in a manner that is fully in keeping with the splendid record of a lodge that four years ago, celebrated its Golden Jubilee. Its financial condition is good. The dues are well met, and the books of the Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P.D.D.G.M.—who, for over a quarter of a century has filled the duties of that office with marked ability, are kept in a business-like manner.

Upon my introduction, I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Hanes, and I had the honor of being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. F. T. Shaver, P.D.D.G.M., whose Masonic skill and natural ability, render him an efficient and honored member.

No work being on the agenda the evening of my visit, Wor. Bro. H. T. Anderson, W.M., opened and closed in the several degrees in a most efficient manner. The Wardens are well skilled while the floor work of the Deacons, was executed with a precision that was most pleasing. In brief, the interests of the Craft in the jurisdiction of Farran's Point Lodge, is in capable hands.

Friendly Brothers' Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois—There was a large attendance of members present when I paid my official visit to this lodge, in company with Bro. Jas. D. Grant, at their regular communication on June 3rd, and I was most cordially received by the Brethren who are not only Friendly in name but in spirit as well.

This lodge possesses most comfortable quarters and the appointments are well chosen. And after functioning for sixty-four years Friendly Brothers' Lodge is as

virile and as potent a factor in the life of the community as ever it was in its history.

Wor. Bro. S. W. Wood, Secretary, fills the duties of that office both with dignity and efficiency. His books are splendidly kept. The dues are well paid and the financial condition of the lodge is in a healthy condition.

I had the pleasure of being introduced by Wor. Bro. C. E. Cameron.

Wor. Bro. H. A. Masters, W.M., conferred a Third Degree in a manner that reflected credit upon his skill. He received most able support from the Wardens and Deacons. While duties performed by several of the Past Masters showed that the older Brethren do not allow their interest in Craft matters to cease, when the days of their official connection end.

Upon this occasion, I was pleased to meet Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks of St. Lawrence District, P.D.D.G.M., and to renew fraternal courtesies with several of the Brethren of Cardinal Lodge.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480—Though the weather was oppressively hot the night I visited this lodge, Thursday, June 4th, there was an exceptionally good attendance, and the cordiality of my reception could not be exceeded. And I was delighted to again meet Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Sweet, M.P.P., P.D.D.G.M., and the other Brethren of Henderson Lodge, who accompanied him.

Though one of the younger lodges, Williamsburg is making commendable progress. For all present requirements, the lodge room and furnishings are quite ample, and as the district served, possesses much desirable material, there is no legitimate reason why there should not be continued growth both in numbers and influence.

Thanks to the intelligent interest displayed by Bro. J. A. Barkley, Secretary, I found that only two members were in arrears for dues. That is a most enviable record

that might be emulated by others. Needless to say, Bro. Barkley's books are well kept.

Upon my introduction, I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, P.D.D.G.M., whose Masonic knowledge and high standing in the community are valuable assets to this lodge.

The candidate who was to have received his Second Degree failed to put in an appearance, but the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by Wor. Bro. P. E. Barley, W.M., who is well qualified for his exalted office. He has capable Wardens, Deacons and other officers who ensure the continued prosperity of Williamsburg Lodge.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg, Ont.—My last official visit was to this old and historic lodge, on June 5th, when I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. H. Tracey.

One of the many favorable impressions I received, was the strict observance of punctuality in the hour for opening. Here, I found that eight o'clock is just sixty minutes past seven. The officers were in their places and the brethren were called to order promptly on time. This is as it should be. Disregard for this militates against the success of too many lodges.

The lodge and ante rooms along with the adjoining banquet hall form a suite that are up-to-date as well as commodious. In this regard, Excelsior Lodge is signally blessed.

As might be expected, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Davy, P.D.D.G.M. is a secretary par excellence. His books and records are in business-like order, and he carries into the life of the lodge, that spirit of intelligent enthusiasm that has been such a large factor in its continued progress and prosperity.

I had the honor of being introduced by Wor. Bro. C. W. Marsh, and again had the pleasure of meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, my immediate predecessor.



The conferring of the First Degree was the work for the evening and in the exemplification of this, Wor. Bro. H. Hummell, W.M., proved himself particularly proficient, while his Wardens, Deacons and other officers displayed a skill that is impressive as well as interesting. The delivery of the lecture by Bro. W. A. Lavis, J.W., was worthy of particular note. The present staff of officers of Excelsior Lodge are fully maintaining the traditional skill of their long list of worthy predecessors.

The year just closing, will be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life. I have benefitted greatly by the renewing of old friendships and the forming of new ones, in the different lodges of the District. My year of service has given me a larger Masonic vision and a more zealous attachment to the Craft.

I bespeak for my successor the same generous treatment from Brethren who have, in a large measure, incorporated the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth into their lives.

Fraternally yours,

THOS. W. MUNRO,

D.D.G.M. Eastern District.

## FRONTENAC DISTRICT

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and Members  
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the  
Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in this District. I wish to thank the Brethren of the district for the honour they conferred on me, in electing me to the high and important office of D.D.G.M. and also wish to express my appreciation to the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of the lodges throughout this district for the hearty welcome extended to me on my official visits. My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. H. A. Graham, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. J. dePencier Wright, District Chaplain, both of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, Ont.

On September 9th, pursuant to instructions from Grand Lodge I visited Frontenac Lodge, No. 621, Sharbot Lake, for the purpose of Constituting, Consecrating, and Dedicating the lodge and installing its officers. I was assisted by R.W. Bro. John Nicoll, R.W. Bro. W. Jackson, R.W. Bro. P. H. Burke, V.W. Bro. J. Smeaton, V.W. Bro. P. Rider, W. Bro. H. A. Graham, W. Bro. J. C. Derry, Bro. the Hon. Dr. Edwards, Rev. Smart and other distinguished brethren, from this district. The lodge was constituted, consecrated, and dedicated according to established usage, after which a very pleasant time was spent with the brethren of Frontenac Lodge in the Memorial Hall, where Bro. the Hon. Dr. Edwards gave a very interesting address.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centerville, Ont.—I visited this lodge on October the 9th, There was no work on the summons but the manner in which the W. Master, Bro. Wilson, conducted the opening and closing in the three degrees, evidenced his ability to do the work properly. At the close of the lodge, R.W. Bro. Herrington gave a very interesting address.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport, Ont.—I visited this lodge on November the 14th, an emergent

meeting being called, the W. Master Bro. Kilpatrick conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner. The officers of this lodge do their work very well, Bro. J. R. Gorrell, the oldest past master of the lodge, who is 57 years a Mason, gave the charge in splendid form. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and the secretary's books are well looked after.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa Ontario.—I visited this lodge on November the 17th. The W. Master, Bro. Smith opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a faultless manner. The financial condition of the lodge is excellent and prospects very bright. There being a large attendance of visitors from Kingston and other lodges in the vicinity.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, Ontario.—I visited this lodge on Tuesday, November 20th, there being no work the W. Master, Bro. Watson opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This lodge has one of the finest lodge rooms in the district, they have spent about \$4,000 on repairs. The secretary, Bro. Copp is a very efficient officer, looks after the collections of dues very well, and all matter pertaining to the welfare of the lodge.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, Ontario.—I visited this lodge on December 9th. W. Bro. Ward in the chair, I was received most cordially by a good representation of the brethren. The second degree was conferred on a well prepared candidate, the work was done in a faultless manner. The lodge room is very beautiful which reflects credit upon their efforts. After the meeting was closed W. Bro. Barber gave a splendid address on Masonic efficiency.

On Dec. 29th it was my pleasure to install the officers of Cataraqui, Minden, and Royal Edward Lodges of Kingston at a joint meeting called for that purpose. I was ably assisted in this work by R.W. Bro. Nicoll and R.W. Bro. P. H. Burke.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, Ontario—I visited this lodge (my mother lodge) officially on Feb. 13th and was greeted by a very large attendance including

many brethren from the city lodges. It being my duty and always a great pleasure for me to attend its meetings regularly. I have had many opportunities of noting the character of the work done and of observing the capabilities of the officers at this meeting. W. Bro. Hyland and officers conferred the second degree almost perfectly. When I say the work of this lodge compares favourably with the best working lodges in this district. The progress Cataraqui Lodge has and is making is highly satisfactory. It is in good financial condition and perfect harmony prevails.

Queen's Lodge, No. 578, Kingston, Ontario.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 16th, the regular officers conferred the first degree. W. Bro. Rutledge and his officers are highly competent and it is unnecessary to say that the work was exceedingly well done. The W. Master is ably supported by a number of enthusiastic past masters, who manifest an unbounded interest in the welfare of their lodge.

Royal Edward Lodge, No. 585, Kingston, Ont.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 27th, my welcome to this lodge was very warm and I might say as W. M. Bro. Newman and myself have been life long friends. W. Bro. Lockett conferred the first degree on his son, assisted by the officers of this lodge. The degree was conferred with full musical programme in a manner that was most impressive. After the lodge was closed Rev. Bro. Canon W. F. Fitzgerald gave a very interesting address on Masonry in Ireland.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston, Ontario.—W. Bro. McGlynn, W.M. I visited this lodge on March 3rd, the work which was the third degree was conferred by the W. Master and his officers in a faultless manner. The fact that V.W. Bro. R. S. Graham is secretary is a guarantee that the finance is handled strictly in accordance with Grand Lodge methods.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston, Ont.—I visited this lodge officially on March 5th and received a hearty welcome from W. Bro. W. J. C. Allan and officers, the first degree was conferred in a way that might be envied by many. There is an enthusiasm and

earnestness about the work of the Worshipful Master and his officers that must make their influence felt. This lodge is doing excellent work.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 497, Arden, Ontario.—I visited this lodge on April 7th. There was a very good attendance. There being no candidate W. Bro. Alexander opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. This lodge has a very valuable and able assistant in W. Bro. Pringle, the secretary.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth, Ont.—I visited this lodge on April 17th. An emergent meeting being called for the purpose. There was no work, but the manner in which the W.M. Bro. York and his officers conducted the opening and closing in the three degrees was a sufficient guarantee of the good work of the lodge.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, Ont.—I visited this lodge on April 24th, where I received a most cordial welcome from the brethren present. The first degree was conferred with full musical ritual by W.M. Bro. Deline and his officers in a very impressive manner. There was a very large attendance.

Maple Lodge, No. 119, Bath, Ont.—I visited this lodge on May 4th and received a very hearty reception. The work of the evening was the third degree and was well done by W.M. Bro. Sharpe and his officers. There was a very large number of visitors from Kingston and other lodges in the district.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro.—I visited this lodge May 5th. As there was no work, I requested W. Bro. Sheldon to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which was very well done. The finances are in good condition and books well looked after by W. Bro. B. F. Bolton.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburg, Ont.—I visited this lodge on May 6th. The W.M. Bro. Slade and his officers conferred the second degree on a candidate in a very impressive manner. The books and records are kept in good condition by the secretary, W. Bro. Sexsmith.



Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, Ont.—I visited this lodge on May 7th, the W.M. Bro. Gardiner conferred the first degree, the work was well done and reflected credit on the whole lodge.

In conclusion I desire to thank all the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits and in this connection I wish to make special mention of the valuable services rendered by Bro. C. L. Gordon, W. Bro. Hyland, and W. Bro. H. A. Graham (my district secretary).

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. CROZIER, D.D.G.M.

Frontenac District.

## GEORGIAN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

I have much pleasure, indeed, in presenting to you my report on Masonry throughout Georgian District for the past Masonic year.

But, first, let me express to the Brethren my appreciation of the tribute paid when they by unanimous consent, last July, chose me as their representative of the Grand Master and I have at all times endeavored to show my appreciation by spreading assistance, light and knowledge to all destitute and uninformed brethren throughout the district as well as a faithful discharge of all the other duties pertaining to the office. In these I was ably assisted by W. Bro. J. D. Roderick whom I appointed as District Secretary, W. Bro. McDonald, District Chaplain, R.W. Bro. W. J. Martin who accompanied me on all my official visits except one, W. Bro. Geo. Robinson who was ready and willing at all times to help with music as well as other brethren. It has been a most delightful year, although at times, strenuous, as I always addressed the Brethren in the lodge rooms on some phase of Masonry referring to the particular degree of the evening, its symbolism, its historical associations, its legends and other topics of equal interest and also replied to the usual toast of Grand Lodge and its officers, and as there was an over-lapping of visitors it meant something new each time.

In making my visits I journeyed from Penetanguishene, the old historic mother of towns on the north to Tottenham on the south; from Meaford on the west to Orillia on the east, motor trips of over 1,500 miles. I saw Simcoe and part of Grey at their best, with their rolling hills of newly tilled soil, their neatly kept farm houses with their spacious barns all redolent of the idea of peace, happiness, prosperity and contentment. And these ideas were accentuated when I visited the various lodges for everywhere prosperity and prodigal hospitality reigned supreme and I was always received

with that same kindness of spirit that actuated their forebears in the days that are gone. I was much impressed with the fact that practically every brother I met showed a desire for knowledge of the Craft, and I have always endeavored as far as time permitted to lend assistance, and spread the knowledge they desired, and I am strongly of the opinion that Grand Lodge would not be stepping amiss where she to establish a bureau where lodges could get speakers of note on Masonic subjects, for their expenses. I believe that each lodge should import, at least once a year or may be twice, an outstanding speaker to stir up enthusiasm amongst the brethren. It would clear away the cobwebs, rub off some of the corners of localism, revive sagging spirits and give a broader vision to things worth while.

Sow truth, if thou the truth would reap;  
 Who sows the false shall reap in vain;  
 Upright and sound thy conscience keep,  
 From hollow words and deeds refrain.  
 Sow love and taste its fruitage pure,  
 Sow peace and reap its harvest bright.  
 Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor  
 And find a harvest home of light.

On my itinerary I have endeavored to see that the ritualistic part of the work was carried out, not hesitating to make suggestions where necessary for the benefit of not only the officers but the other members as well; to see that the Secretary's duties were satisfactorily performed; to see that adequate insurance was carried and that benevolence was not forgotten. But my greatest care has been to see that the great fundamentals upon which our order is built were understood and crystallized into action in our every day life. When I visited my own lodge on June 10th, the ruling masters of the district conferred the M.M. degree to the delight of a large number of brethren.

Then as my last official act, with the assistance of W. Bro. H. J. Thompson the ruling master of Caledonian Lodge, Midland, a District excursion was held for all the members of Georgian District, their wives, mothers, sisters, sweethearts and friends among some of the 30,000 islands of the Georgian Bay on the com-

modious Str. City of Midland. An orchestra was in attendance and the day an ideal one; lunch was served to all and the whole outing was one of unqualified success, over four hundred coming from various parts of the district.

### Official Visits

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston.—On Friday, November 14th, I made my first official visit, a 120 mile return trip, accompanied by 15 of the brethren, to Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston. Here we were given a most cordial welcome and W. Bro. Palmer and a very efficient staff of officers conferred the E.A. degree with musical ritual. The lodge is in good financial condition, owns the building in which it meets, and is fortunate in having so efficient a secretary as it has in the person of W. Bro. Caesar. Prospects of continued success are bright.

Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbour.—On November 14th, twenty-eight brethren accompanied me to Victoria Lodge, No. 470, at Victoria Harbour. We had often visited there before and were accorded the royal welcome given to visiting brethren more particularly the representative of the Grand Master. W. Bro. Stewart, the ruling Master exemplified the F. C. degree in a most creditable manner. They, too, are fortunate in having an excellent secretary, as Bro. Schlisser's books are very neatly and accurately kept. The guiding hand of R. Wor. Bro. Brown is still present and much of the success of the lodge is due to his untiring efforts for Masonry.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 248, Midland.—This is one of the older lodges of the district having first seen Masonic light in Angus in 1871 now 54 years ago. Eleven years afterwards it journeyed north to Midland where it has resided and prospered ever since. On Tuesday, March 16th, we were officially received by W. Bro. H. J. Thompson and the brethren in a most cordial manner, having been introduced by R.W. Bro. R. Raikes and R.W. Bro. M. S. Keller, two brethren previously honored by the district who still display unusual zeal for the good of the craft. The E.A. degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner with full musical ritual, leaving room for no remarks except those of commendation.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie.—Here we visited on April 2nd, being introduced by R.W. Bro. Smith and R.W. Bro. Sprott both of whom have always shown a zeal for masonry in the symbolic as well as in the higher degrees, and W. Bro. Maclellan welcomed us in true Corinthian style. Upon an excellent candidate was conferred the E.A. degree with accuracy and impressiveness and at the conclusion of the initiation the candidate was welcomed by R.W. Bro. Smith and commended to the brethren for Masonic care and attention. The lodge is fortunate in having an excellent staff of officers than whom none is better than their worthy secretary, W. Bro. Felt. The attendance was good about 180 sitting down to the tastily prepared banquet. R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, is, as he has been for years, a most active member and his guiding wisdom is always cherished by his brethren.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner. —On Tuesday, April 7th, I was received by W. Bro. Thompson and the brethren of Northern Light Lodge of Stayner, who were also enjoying a fraternal visit from Manitou Lodge of Collingwood. The Collingwood brethren with W. Bro. Fray in charge conferred the M.M. degree very impressively, while the opening and closing was done very creditably by the officers of Northern Light Lodge. W. Bro. Bell makes a very efficient and painstaking secretary. The lodge is progressing and the future looks bright.

Karnak Lodge, No. 492, Coldwater.—Here we were cordially received by W. Bro. Brown, on April 10th, and his very efficient staff of officers who exemplified the Fellowcraft degree in a very creditable manner. Although one of the younger lodges of the district, progress has been good and Karnak is enjoying prosperity, a fact due in no small measure to their excellent secretary, W. Bro. Elliott. On May 21st, I had the pleasure of attending their Ladies' Night an annual affair, and addressing again the brethren and their friends.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie.—On my visit here on April 16th, which, by the way, is the mother lodge of R.W. Bro. Duff, the immediate past D.D.G.M., we were extended a warm welcome indeed. Kerr is one of the



largest lodges of the district and their work which was the M.M. degree under the skilful guidance of W. Bro. McConkey who is carrying on in the absence of W. Bro. Liscumb because of protracted illness, was of a high standard, the ritualistic work being accompanied by a choir. On my visit I was fortunate in having the company and assistance of R.W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, D.D.G.M. of Peterborough District, who gave an excellent address on the "Symbolism of the Third Degree."

Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham.—April 20th was the date of my visit to Tottenham when the officers exemplified the F.C. degree on a very excellent candidate. The officers are all doing "their bit" for the advancement of Masonry in the village and its environs and although the lodge is small, very good work is being done and there is reason to look forward to a prosperous future.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford.—After a beautiful drive of sixty miles to the town of Meaford we were welcomed by W. Bro. Pilgrim, the ruling Master of Pythagoras Lodge. The brethren are fortunate in having one of the finest Masonic rooms in the district and a long list of Past Masters. On my visit there, on April 24th, W. Bro. Pilgrim exemplified the M.M. degree in a most creditable manner, assisted by some of the Past Masters. The lodge is enjoying prosperity under the able guidance of their secretary, W. Bro. Finley and they may look forward to the future with confidence.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown.—The brethren here were good enough to call an emergent meeting on April 28th for our convenience. There was an excellent attendance, visitors coming in from all the surrounding lodges. The candidate for the evening being unavoidably absent, the M.M. degree was conferred upon one of the brethren, by W. Bro. Coleman, in a thoroughly efficient manner. The guiding hand of R.W. Bro. McKnight as secretary is evidenced by the prosperity of the lodge.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia.—This is the largest lodge in the district and excellent work is being done by W. Bro. Raney and a most efficient staff of officers. One very pleasing feature is the large number of young men that are on their way to the East and a very capable lot

they are too. After the E.A. degree was conferred most capably, it was our privilege to present a jewel to W. Bro. Hill, the I.P.M. which he suitably acknowledged. Orillia Lodge is particularly fortunate in having such brethren as R.W. Bro. Tudhope, W. Bro. J. C. Miller and a long line of Past Masters who are towers of strength. W. Bro. Boyle is a secretary who is courteous and efficient in every way. Lodge opened at four o'clock and the banquet commenced at seven, an excellent idea when workable. The date of my visit was May 1st.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud.—Here we visited on May 5th and were greeted by an exceptionally large number of visitors as Minerva Lodge is noted the district over for its hospitality. W. Bro. Musselman exemplified the E. A. degree in a very excellent manner and was ably assisted by his officers. Minerva Lodge is now comfortably situated in their new and commodious building erected for Masonry only and they may look forward in confidence to a continuation of their success. W. Bro. A. W. Green who has always taken a deep interest in all things Masonic is a source of much inspiration to his brethren.

Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale.—On Friday, May 8th, we paid our official visit to Coronation Lodge where we found good work being done by W. Bro. Wade, who is spending a second term in the East, and his officers. The E.A. degree was exemplified to the approval of the large number of brethren present. V.W. Bro. Foster makes a very efficient secretary.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore.—Our official visit to Nitetis Lodge was paid on the evening of May 12th when W. Bro. May exemplified the E.A. degree on an appreciative candidate, the editor of the local paper. Although the lodge is small in numbers, yet good work is being done and the prospects for the future are bright. Bro. (Rev.) Colclough is a very capable and courteous secretary.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton.—On May 18th we were introduced to the officers and members of Spry Lodge, by R.W. Bro. D. S. Morrow and given a most cordial welcome by the goodly number present. W. Bro.

Ford in a very thorough and efficient manner conferred the F.C. degree. The officers all showed careful preparation of their work and one need not worry as regards the future.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg.—We reached the village of Clarksburg on May 22nd, just before an electrical storm but even the weather did not deter the brethren from turning out in numbers larger than usual on similar occasions. We were delighted to find such good fellowship and Masonic enthusiasm prevailing. W. Bro. Ford conferred the E.A. degree on a good candidate in a very acceptable manner. We had the pleasure of meeting again R.W. Bro. Pye who represented the Grand Master in the district in 1892. W. Bro. Burke, W. Bro. Reekie, W. Bro. Gilson and W. Bro. Hartman are all past masters to whom the success of the lodge is in no small measure due and the members need not worry about the future.

Manitou Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood.—Here we were officially introduced by R.W. Bro. C. T. Stephens and V.W. Bro. W. H. Whipps and from the kindly welcome accorded, one could easily imagine that the Manitou of prehistoric days still presided. We had the pleasure of again seeing W. Bro. Fry and his officers confer a degree, this time the E.A., and they again showed themselves worthy successors to a long line of officers who had done yeoman service in days gone by. I was pleased to know that the regalia of M.W. Bro. Robertson had been presented to the lodge by his widow and had been suitably cased and placed upon the wall, an incentive to all brethren to emulate one of Manitou's masters who had climbed to the summit of Masonry. Brethren were present from 18 different lodges, England, Ireland and Scotland all being represented. It was a most profitable evening indeed. The date was May 26 th.

Earl Kitchener Lodge, No. 538, Port McNicoll.—This is the only lodge in the district that we did not visit officially and for that, there was a very good reason, as their lodge rooms had been destroyed by fire. We had visited them on other occasions and had seen their work. Their officers and members paid a fraternal visit to Georgian Lodge on May 21st. We were that evening

out of town attending another Masonic function and requested R.W. Bro. Martin to make a report. This he did and he assures us that a M.M. degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. Kay and his officers. I understand that new quarters have been procured and by autumn they will have their own Masonic home once more. During the months they were without rooms, Victoria Lodge, of Victoria Harbour, offered them the use of their lodge, an offer which was gladly accepted.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene.—And now we come to the last but by no means the least of my official visits, that to our own lodge on June 10th, the anniversary of our birth. We had planned a unique occasion and in that we were not disappointed, twenty-six lodges being represented. The degree was the M.M.'s and it was conferred by the ruling masters of the district nearly all of whom were present and took part in the work. R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, the Grand Secretary was present representing the Grand Master who was in Ireland attending the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge there. Lodge opened at four o'clock under the guidance of W. Bro. H. J. Thompson, the ruling master of Caledonian Lodge, Midland. The chairs were all filled by the ruling masters who opened and closed in the three degrees and those who were not in the chairs exemplified the degree work with full musical ritual rendered by brethren of Georgian and Caledonian Lodges. The work was very impressive and appealed greatly to the large number of visiting brethren present. On behalf of the ruling masters as an expression of appreciation of what I had endeavoured to do for Masonry throughout the district, R.W. Bro. R. Raikes presented to me a set of "Literature, Art and Science", nine volumes of most delightful and instructive reading. The meeting was an inspiration to all those who were fortunate to get into the lodge rooms, and will, no doubt, do much for Masonry in the district.

And now, Brethren, we are laying down the gavel which you entrusted to me almost a year ago, as unsullied, we trust as when it was received. It has been through the hearty co-operation of all that such good work is being done in the district; each has his own work to do or it will go undone.



"Surely some workman has builded the pillar as well as the spire;

The cross that the painter has gilded was fashioned in somebody's fire.

Surely men dig in the ditches preparing a place for the wall—

And some one has made with her stitches the flag that shall fly over all.

"Some one has blended the plaster, and some one has carried the stone;

Neither the man nor the master ever has builded alone.

Making a roof for the weather, building a house for the King,

Only by working together men have accomplished a thing.

"All have a share in the beauty; all have a part in the plan;

What does it matter what duty falls to the lot of a man?

Each has a hand in the building; no one has builded alone—

Whether a cross he was gilding, whether he carried a stone.

In closing our report we bespeak for our successor the same kindly considerations that have been shown to us during our tenure of office and as the years go by we trust that there will be abundantly given to those who will be called upon to rule and govern that beauty and strength of character that will ever hold aloft the principles of our great fraternity and to the Brethren in general where'er they be, we express the wish:

"May time deal gently with you all

And make you mellow, sweet and kind,

That when you hear the Master's call

Rich treasures you may leave behind."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. D. KEEFE,

D.D.G.M. Georgian District.



## GREY DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

It is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I submit for your consideration this report on the condition of Masonry in Grey District, for the year ending June 24th, 1925.

It has been a most pleasant duty to serve as your representative in Grey District and get acquainted with the outstanding men in each community where the lodges under my jurisdiction are situated.

Early in my term of office, I appointed Wor. Bro. Rev. W. H. Hartley, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Shelburne, Dist. Sec., and Wor. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M.A., Knox Church, Owen Sound, Dist. Chap., both of whom have added greatly to the success that has attended the various meetings of inspection. Wor. Bro. Hartley, as Dist. Sec. has been most indefatigable, and in his pithy, humorous manner has added greatly to the enjoyment of those present, on many occasions.

### Visitations

I paid my first official visit in the District to Durham Lodge, No. 306, G.R.C. on Oct. 14th, 1924, when Wor. Bro. Rowland and his officers conferred the M.M. degree in a most realistic manner. The candidate for the evening was one of the best, and previous to being raised, presented the Working Tools of a F.C. to the W.M. in a faultless manner. The Work during the evening was put on most creditably and deserved high commendation. Durham Lodge has an array of veteran P.Ms. most of them still working, and it is small wonder that the officers of this lodge are so efficient in the Work.

On Oct. 15th, 1924, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Hartley, D.S., I visited St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, at Mount Forest. This is the second oldest lodge in Grey District, and as on the previous evening in Durham, I found Wor. Bro. Corbett and his officers most efficient.

They conferred the E.A. degree, as the work for the evening in a manner to impress the candidate very forcibly with the lessons contained in that degree.

St. Albans Lodge has a splendid array of talent and the program following was a thoroughly enjoyable one. It was of such a variety and high quality that one felt that much good would come to the Craft in Mt. Forest if such talent were more fully utilized. Wor. Bro. J. S. Ireland, a veteran P.M. added greatly to the zest of the festive board and it is to be regretted that a few weeks later Wor. Bro. Ireland was suddenly called to the Grand Lodge above. I was present with the brethren of St. Albans, and assisted at the Masonic Funeral in honor of Wor. Bro. Ireland on Dec. 12th., 1924.

On the evening of Nov. 11th, I inspected the work of Wor. Bro. Coutts and his officers, of Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, G.R.C. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred most creditably. Afterwards I gave a talk on the meaning and symbolism of the Ritual for the degree. Wor. Bro. Champ is a very efficient secretary and his books are kept in good shape.

On Nov. 13th, I paid a visit to a Lodge in Georgian Dist., viz. Seven Stars, No. 285, Alliston, it being the occasion of the official visit of R.W. Bro. Keefe, D.D.G.M. of Georgian Dist. It was a most enjoyable event to me and R.W. Bro. Keefe proved himself a most tactful official, a finished speaker and a bright light in Masonry generally.

On Nov. 18th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Hartley and several others from my mother lodge, I visited Wellington Lodge, No. 271, G.R.C., Erin. As Wor. Bro. Griner had no candidate he and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very efficient manner, and, in lieu of work, I explained to a very appreciative gathering some of the symbolism of the three degrees. At the festive board there was a real flow of wit and wisdom from many of the brethren present. Walker Lodge, Acton, and Peel Lodge, Caledon East, were both represented by several brethren. Wor. Bro. Foster as Secretary is a most ideal one.

On Dec. 5th, I visited Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333 Flesherton and despite most disagreeable weather I was greeted by a large turn out of the Brethren. To hear Wor. Bro. Banks put on the ritualistic work of the first degree amply repaid the brethren who accompanied me for any discomforts they may have felt from bad roads, etc. Prince Arthur Lodge is one of the most flourishing in the District and the material they are using is the very best obtainable. The officers are all in a high state of efficiency and the Craft is very much alive in and around Flesherton.

On Nov. 25th, it was my very enjoyable privilege to be present and represent Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the celebration of the Semi-centennial of North Star Lodge, No. 322, G.R.C. in the city of Owen Sound. This was a real event in Masonry in this beautiful northern city, and no pains were spared to render it a complete success. One of the outstanding numbers on the program was "Reminiscences of North Star Lodge," given and compiled by Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Rutherford, a veteran P.M. of North Star, of some thirty-nine years standing. In the Lodge Room the F.C. degree was beautifully exemplified by a full staff of Past Masters, Rt. Wor. Bro. John McQuaker in the East.

On Feb. 11th, 1925 at a joint meeting of St. George's No. 88 and North Star, No. 322, G.R.C., Owen Sound, I inspected the work of both lodges. The E.A. Degree was conferred on a candidate by Wor. Bro. McDonald and his officers of North Star Lodge in a perfect manner, and this was followed by the F.C. degree conferred by Wor. Bro. Tennant in an equally splendid manner. Owen Sound is quite outstanding Masonically, having over 500 Masons in the two lodges. The talent for ritual and entertainment is practically unlimited, and with Rt. Wor. Bro's. McQuaker and Rutherford still very much in the harness the Brethren keep very accurately to the Ancient Landmarks. Wor. Bro. Campbell and Bro. Parks as Secretaries of St. George's and North Star respectively, are pillars of strength to their lodges.

On May 1st, 1925 I visited my mother lodge, Lorne Lodge, Shelburne. This meeting was one of the most enjoyable events that has ever taken place in Lorne

Lodge. We had invited each lodge in the District to send representatives and eight of the twelve lodges were represented as well as four other lodges from neighboring districts. Lorne Lodge room was taxed to its capacity and Wor. Bro. Zinn and his staff of efficient officers exemplified the Second Degree. Having the support of Rt. Wor. Bros. Abbott of Erin, and Preston of Orangeville, I requested Rt. Wor. Bro. Abbott to pass on the work of the evening and he had nothing but praise for the excellent ritualistic work of the officers of Lorne Lodge. The officers of Lorne Lodge had spared neither time nor trouble in getting up the entertainment and banquet which followed the work in the lodge room and which was held in the auditorium of the Town Hall. About one hundred and forty brethren partook of a most elaborate banquet provided by the J.W. and which Wor. Bro. Adams of Harris Lodge, Orangeville, said was the finest he had ever attended.

On May 4th, 1925 accompanied by some twenty-one brethren from Lorne Lodge, I paid my official visit to Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville and the hospitality of the brethren of Harris Lodge was enjoyed to the fullest. Wor. Bro. Adams and his staff of officers exemplified the M.M. degree, in a manner seldom witnessed, and which could not fail to impress on a young Mason the sublime lessons of the third degree. There was a large attendance, the commodious lodge room being filled to its limit. Harris Lodge has a large staff of active Past Masters and with Rt. Wor. Bro. Irvine, Preston and Adams, Masonry is in a very prosperous condition in Orangeville.

On May 8th, 1925 with Wor. Bro. Hartley and part of Lorne Lodge orchestra, I visited Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, officially. Wor. Bro. McFarland assisted by an efficient staff of officers conferred the E.A. degree on a candidate in a most exemplary manner. The social time, following the work in the lodge room was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The Arthur brethren deserve credit and commendation for their comfortable and beautifully furnished lodge rooms.

On May 18th, 1925 I paid my official visit to Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley, and was received right



royally. Wor. Bro. Donaghy and his officers put on the E.A. degree and it is well worth noting how well the Past Masters of Scott Lodge keep right in the work of the Lodge. Scott Lodge mourns the loss recently of one of their oldest members—from whom it derived its name—Wor. Bro. W. R. Scott. They have a most beautifully furnished lodge room, and the brethren of Scott Lodge are all past masters in the art of hospitality.

On May 22nd, 1925, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 490, Markdale. This was my last official visit in my district, and it proved a most enjoyable one indeed. Wor. Bro. Mercer and his officers conferred the Fellow Craft Degree with great credit to themselves; the individual work of the junior officers was especially good.

In all twelve lodges in Grey District the work of the Craft is well exemplified, in most cases almost faultlessly, and in my talks, following the degree work, on the different occasions, I endeavored to explain the meaning and origination of some of the symbolism used in our ritual. The many expressions of approval and commendation I received, amply repaid me for the study I had made of this phase of Masonry, which has been so badly neglected in our lodges.

### District Divine Service

On Sunday, June 21st, 1925, we had Divine service for the district in Knox Church, Shelburne, with our District Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M.A. as preacher. There was a splendid turnout—about 200 brethren, every lodge in the District having its quota in the parade. Our Chaplain based his discourse on Kings 6: 5-9, and seldom have we been privileged to hear such an eloquent Masonic sermon, on the lessons we may learn from the symbolism, of the winding stairs, leading to the middle chamber of the Temple. The offering taken at the service was over fifty dollars and was sent to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

I would be remiss in my duty to Grand Lodge, if I failed to mention the splendid help I have received from the Toronto Society for Masonic Research, with Bro. N. W. J. Hayden, 564 Pape Ave. as Secretary. So far



as my own experience goes I found Bro. Hayden a real "friend in need." His replies have always been prompt and most satisfactory. On one occasion he took an inquiry of mine to the meeting of the Society, and sent me a most interesting reply. When he has, at my request, suggested books for further study, I have found such to be reasonable in the presentation of the subject, as well as in the price. I sincerely recommend this Society to all inquiring Brethren.

In concluding this report, I thank the brethren of Grey District for their kindness, courtesy and the warmth of the reception given me on all occasions. It has been a good year; peace, prosperity and harmony prevail. I shall always look back on this year of close fellowship as a landmark in my life and I hope my messages to the brethren may have given them some real Masonic light.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL PATTERSON,  
D.D.G.M., Grey District.

## HAMILTON DISTRICT "A"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with great pleasure I submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District "A" for the Masonic year just closed.

I desire first to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the brethren of the district in electing me to the important office of D.D.G.M. and for the loyal and hearty support they have given me throughout the year.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. Ernest G. Wray, the Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 513, as District Secretary.

I was indeed very fortunate in having such a capable secretary as Wor. Bro. Wray, who gave me such able assistance and kind co-operation during the year. I am deeply indebted to him for his services, for which I express my sincere appreciation.

It gives me much pleasure to report that Masonry throughout this District is in a very bright and prosperous condition and that perfect harmony prevails.

The Worshipful Masters and officers of the different lodges are capable and zealous in the discharge of their duties, anxious to do their work as perfectly, and impressively as possible. Men with strong personality, skill and ability, and impressed with the responsibility of their positions. The prospects of Masonry in this District are most encouraging.

### Official Visits

Corinthian Lodge, No. 513, Hamilton.—My first official visit as D.D.G.M. was made to this lodge on Thursday, October 23rd, 1924. Corinthian lodge was instituted in 1913. I have the honour of being one of the Charter Members, also having served as W.M. in 1917

and 1918. Before being received officially, Right Wor. Bro. James F. Mercer, Past Grand Registrar, presented me with the regalia of my office.

Bro. Mercer was acting as Wor. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 40, when I was initiated. At my suggestion, and by request of the Wor. Master, he very kindly consented to make the presentation. I was then introduced to the lodge officially, and received from Wor. Bro. Wray as warm and cordial a welcome as could possibly be given. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. George Milne, Past Master of Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, who very kindly acted as District Secretary.

This being the annual election of officers, I had the pleasure of conducting the same; perfect unanimity prevailed.

The growth of Corinthian has been remarkable, the membership is very near the 600 mark and a very bright future is in store for this progressive lodge.

Campbell Lodge, No. 603, Campbellville.—I paid my official visit to this the baby lodge of the district on November 4th, 1924. Bro. Rev. T. N. Lowe extended to me a very warm welcome on behalf of the lodge. I was accompanied on this occasion by Right Wor. Bro. J. Forth, D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District "B", Right Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly, P.D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. E. G. Wray, Dist. Secretary. Among the distinguished brethren present were, Right Wor. Bro. Chas. R. Penfold, D.D.G.M. of Wellington District, Right Wor. Bros. J. M. McKenzie and F. A. Latshaw, P.D.D.G.M.'s. of Hamilton District and Very Wor. Bro. H. A. Temple, Past Grand Senior Deacon. There was no degree work, the candidate having failed to put in an appearance. This lodge is doing splendid work, and is very prosperous, owning their own building, splendidly furnished and is well suited for Masonic purposes. I predict a very bright and prosperous future for this young lodge.

Hugh Murray Lodge, No. 602, Hamilton.—My official visit to Hugh Murray Lodge was made on November 18th, 1924, being introduced by Right Wor. Bro. Frank Hills, P.D.D.G.M. I received a very cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. Charles Peebles.

There was no degree work, but I can assure you, Most Wor. Sir, that Wor. Bro. Peebles and his officers are quite able to confer all the degrees most efficiently. I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers for the ensuing year which passed off very harmoniously.

I previously visited this lodge on October 21st, and had the honour of assisting in conferring the first degree, the occasion being Grand Lodge Night, Right Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Worshipful Master, and was the speaker of the evening at the Fourth Degree. A large number of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were also in attendance.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 551, Hamilton.—I visited Tuscan Lodge officially on December 4th, 1924, being accompanied by Wor. Bro. E. G. Wray, District Secretary. On being introduced by Wor. Bro. J. Clegg, Director of Ceremonies, I received a very hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. J. Wallace.

I conducted the election of officers, which was harmonious in every way.

This lodge is making splendid progress, and doing excellent work, and is to be congratulated on having such capable officers to guide its affairs. The financial standing of the lodge is excellent.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton.—I visited Temple Lodge officially on December 9th, 1924, and was most cordially welcomed by Wor. Bro. C. G. Stead. I conducted the election of officers, and from the splendid material to choose from, the future success of the lodge is assured.

Temple Lodge was honoured on this occasion with a fraternal visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Drope who was present to receive his certificate of Honorary Membership.

The Grand Master gave a very helpful address in the banquet room, on the "Training of Boys", which was greatly appreciated by the brethren. It was also my very great privilege to visit this lodge on Tuesday, November 11th, 1924, the occasion being the celebration

of its Golden Jubilee. Most Wor. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, K.C.M.G., their beloved First Master being the honoured guest, to whom a beautifully bound, illuminated address was presented. Of the Charter Members only four are known to survive, viz., M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, Wor. Bro. R. K. Hope, Wor. Bro. W. H. Ballard, and Wor. Bro. F. C. Bruce. Temple Lodge has achieved wonderful success during the past 50 years, and I feel sure that the future will be just as successful.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington.—My official visit to this lodge was made on December 10th, 1924, when I was introduced by Right Wor. Bro. H. A. Graham, P.D.D.G.M.

I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers for the ensuing year. Wor. Bro. D. Easterbrook and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters, conferred the First Degree in a most capable manner, the candidate being a son of Wor. Bro. J. A. Lindley the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge. This lodge is doing excellent work, has a splendid type of members, and is in a strong financial position.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton.—I paid my official visit to this, my Mother Lodge, on Thursday, December 18th, 1924, receiving a very warm welcome from Wor. Bro. J. H. Beveridge. I conducted the election of officers which was very harmonious.

This lodge elects all its officers with the exception of the stewards. St. John's Lodge is the third oldest lodge in the district, has a large and influential membership, imbued with the true spirit of Brotherhood, is well officered, and the work is most impressively and effectively exemplified at all times.

It was also my privilege to attend their Grand Lodge Night on May 21st, 1925. A large number of Grand Lodge Officers were present, many of them giving short addresses in the banquet room.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton.—I visited Dundurn Lodge officially on December 20th, 1924, and conducted the election, which was harmonious in every way.



All the officers in this lodge are elected. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition and the past year has been one of progress. Wor. Bro. J. Ellis and his officers have rendered splendid service and the true Masonic spirit exists among the members.

The finances of the lodge are in excellent shape, the books are neatly kept, and I am satisfied that under the direction of Master-elect Bro. T. R. Hawkins, the lodge will continue to prosper.

Hamilton Lodge, No. 562, Hamilton.—My visit to Hamilton Lodge was made on January 12th, 1925, this being the fifth anniversary of the formation of the lodge.

Wor. Bro. Randell and his officers conferred the First Degree in a highly satisfactory manner. The efficient secretary, Very Wor. Bro. D. R. Gibson has his books and records in splendid shape, and the dues are well paid up. The success of this young lodge is assured.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton.—It was indeed a pleasure to visit this old and historic lodge officially on February 11th, 1925. This is the oldest lodge in the district.

I received a very cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. J. W. Hamilton, whom I have known for many years. The officers of the lodge, assisted by a number of Past Masters, conferred the Second Degree on two candidates in a very dignified and impressive manner. This lodge is doing splendid work, is active and energetic, and can be depended upon, under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Hamilton and his excellent staff of officers to maintain its splendid traditions.

Seymour Lodge No. 272, Ancaster.—Paid my official visit to Seymour Lodge on March 10th, 1925.

It is always a pleasure to visit this lodge, and enjoy their unbounded hospitality. The brethren are Past Masters in the art.

Wor. Bro. Anderson and his officers conferred the Second Degree in a faultless and impressive manner. The Past Masters are active and loyal to the lodge, giving the Worshipful Master and his officers every assistance.

The books are well kept, and the lodge is enjoying continued prosperity.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville.—On the occasion of my official visit on Tuesday, April 7th, 1925, Wor. Bro. Wilkinson and his officers exemplified in a most capable manner the First Degree, all who took part doing excellent work.

The outstanding feature of the degree was the charge from the book of constitution given by Very Wor. Bro. Kaiting, one of the oldest Past Masters, almost four score years and ten. It was indeed very inspiring to hear this worthy brother give the charge so beautifully and so impressively. An event of unusual interest took place when Very Wor. Bro. Ferrah presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. W. A. Deane, who has been a member for 20 years, a choir loft, which Bro. Deane had erected at a cost of several hundred dollars. This useful and generous gift was very greatly appreciated, and was used for the first time this evening. I also visited this lodge on October 7th, 1924, and assisted at the dedication of their beautiful new Masonic Temple. Most Worshipful Bro. Drope, Grand Master was present and presided at the ceremony.

The Brethren of the lodge are to be congratulated on the erection of such a fine building, with its splendid appointments. It is a credit to Masonry in general, and to Oakville lodge in particular, and will stand as a monument to their zeal and enthusiasm.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas.—My official visit to this progressive lodge was made on April 13th, 1925. The work put on for my inspection was a first degree. I was delighted to see the accurate and impressive manner in which it was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Newton and his officers. The lodge is in good standing, the books are well kept by Right Wor. Bro. F.A. Latshaw, P.D.D.G.M., who is a tower of strength to the lodge. The Past Masters take a very deep interest in the work of the lodge and a finer body of worshipful brethren would indeed be hard to find.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove.—I paid my official visit to this lodge on Tuesday, May 5th, 1925. The attendance of members and visiting brethren which greeted me on this occasion was most gratifying and inspiring. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. L. E. Allison, and his officers, assisted by a number of the Past Masters. The work was most impressively given, showing careful preparation on the part of the officers, every officer doing himself credit and leaving no room for criticism. Before the lodge was closed, I had the honour to present the Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. W. E. McFarlane with a Past Master Jewel.

It was also a very great pleasure to visit this lodge on Sept. 9th, 1924, and assist the brethren in doing honor to the Most Wor. the Grand Master on his visit to their lodge. A large number of members and visitors were present to welcome the distinguished guest.

The address given by Most Wor. Bro. Drope was most inspiring and no doubt will live long in the memory of those whose privilege it was to hear it.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton.—My visit to this lodge was made on May 7th, 1925, being introduced by Wor. Bro. Judge J. W. Elliott. A hearty reception was accorded me by the Worshipful Master and the brethren. The work put on for my inspection was the First Degree which was exceedingly well done by Wor. Bro. Peacock and his officers, and worthy of the highest compliments. This is the Mother Lodge of my immediate predecessor, Right Wor. Bro. J. M. MacKenzie, who is held in very high esteem, and has the confidence and respect of his fellow members. They took this occasion to show their appreciation of his sterling worth, by presenting him with a very beautiful Past Master's Jewel. Wor. Bro. Judge Elliott made the presentation on behalf of St. Clair Lodge.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro.—My last official visit was made to Dufferin Lodge on Thursday, June 4th, 1925. I was most cordially welcomed by the Worshipful Master.

The work of the evening was the First Degree, which was conferred in a very able and impressive manner by Wor. Bro. Hunter and his officers, the lecture by the Junior Warden being especially worthy of mention.

This lodge is very prosperous, and is under the supervision of a fine staff of officers, who are ably supported by a splendid group of Past Masters. The financial standing of the lodge is excellent, the Secretary's books are well kept, and the affairs of the lodge are in a very satisfactory condition. In conclusion permit me to again thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G. M. I appreciate very much their hearty co-operation, in making my term of office so enjoyable. It has been a very great privilege to be the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the Hamilton District "A".

My association with Most Worshipful Bro. Drope has been most cordial, and I thank him sincerely for the many kindnesses extended to me during the year.

I desire to express my deepest appreciation, to the officers and members of the various lodges for the cordial and fraternal manner in which I have been received on the occasion of my official visits.

To the lodges who so thoughtfully remembered Mrs. Martin with beautiful floral gifts, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation.

I am very grateful for the assistance rendered me throughout the year by P.D.D.G.M's., Past Masters and Wor. Brethren.

I might especially mention Right Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, Right Wor. Bro. John Forth, D.D.G.M., Hamilton District "B", Rt. Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly, P.D.D.G.M., Very Wor. Bro. J. Gill and Bro. J. Cochrane.

Special mention should be made of Wor. Bro. E. G. Wray, District Secretary, who accompanied me on all

my official visits, and gave me his hearty co-operation and support.

To the Corinthian Lodge Quartette, Corinthian Orchestra, Bros. G. Newlove, W. Vollick, S. Williams, and others, who accompanied me on various occasions and entertained the brethren so acceptably, I extend my sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED R. MARTIN,  
D.D.G.M. Hamilton District A



**HAMILTON DISTRICT "B"**

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, In the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District B for the year ending June 24th, 1925. I first wish to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the District for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me as the Representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and for the splendid support I received from V.W. Bro. Herb. Temple, V.W. Bro. D. Hawkins, W. Bro. S. A. Wait, W. Bro. J. A. Robinson, W. Bro. Wm. Ostler W. Bro. Robert Johnson and many others. Also the Brethren for the use of their motor cars and last but not by any means least, the splendid musical service rendered at the visits outside of the City by Brothers Peter Scott, Dan. Llewellyn, A. Rankin, the Corinthian Quartette and St. Andrew's Lodge Choir, for all of which I am deeply grateful.

My first very pleasant duty was to appoint W. Bro. Arthur Lavis, District Secretary, a Past Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 61, a Past Master of Wardrope Lodge, No. 555 and the First Master of Hugh Murray Lodge. I was particularly fortunate in securing his valuable service and he rendered splendid support on every visit and I am very grateful to him for the very efficient manner in which he performed his duties.

I had also the pleasure of appointing the Rev. Bro. Geo. Tebbs, District Chaplain, a splendid man and a real Mason. I have visited all the lodges in the District at least once and have had very successful meetings. Masonry in this District is in a flourishing condition, all the lodges making steady progress. The spirit of true Masonic Brotherhood that prevails throughout the District has made my duties easy and pleasant.

October 2nd, 1924.—I officially visited Buchanan Lodge, No. 550, Hamilton, October 2nd, 1924, where there was a good attendance of members and visitors.

I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers and found the lodge in a flourishing condition. This lodge owns its own lodge room and has a membership of 240, and a splendid lot of Past Masters.

October 6th, 1925—Visited Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York, Ontario, and spent a pleasant evening, not having any work. A splendid time was spent in the banquet room. While this old lodge has only a membership of 75, they also have bought a lodge room and have several very active Past Masters and are a splendid lot of Masons.

October 8th, 1925—Paid my official visit to Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook. Had the pleasure of witnessing a first degree as near perfect as is possible to be conferred. This is one of the finest lodges in the District and a credit to the Craft.

Returned with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at the November meeting and the members and visitors on each occasion numbered about two hundred. I also attended Ladies' Night in February and cannot speak too highly of the manner in which they entertained their guests.

October 15th, 1924.—Visited Electric Lodge, No. 495. Conducted the election of officers and returned and had the pleasure of Installing and Investing the Officers. This lodge has a membership of over 550 members and is one of the real live lodges of the city.

November 26th, 1924.—Visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593, City. I had the pleasure of conducting the Election of Officers and have paid several visits during the year. St. Andrew's is the youngest lodge in the District and has made splendid progress having a membership of over 300 in the space of about three years, and doing splendid work. W. Bro. D. Monroe, the first W. Master could not be surpassed and with the able assistance of W. Bro. F. W. Davidson as Secretary, this lodge is in fine shape. The W. Master John Drysdale extended to me that warm welcome that is always to be found in a good Scotch Lodge.

November 5th, 1924.—Visited Ionic Lodge, No. 549. Conducted the election of officers, also installed and invested same at the November meeting. Ionic is one of the new lodges, has a membership of over 200 and a splendid class of officers and members and with E. McMartin, W. Bro. P. F. Lumsden, W. Bro. Jack and W. Bro. S. A. Wait as secretary, this lodge is bound to prosper.

November 6th, 1924.—Visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia. Inspected the work in the First Degree which was fairly well performed. In the Banquet room the members entertained the ladies to a splendid repast and a programme of the highest order.

November 24, 1924.—Paid my official visit to Wardrobe Lodge, No. 555. Conducted the election of officers and installed same one week later. This is also one of the new lodges and has made splendid progress.

December 8th, 1924.—Visited Wentworth Lodge No. 166, Stoney Creek. Conducted the election of officers. This is also one of the lodges outside of the city and also one of the largest. This lodge is very fortunate in having a very large number of splendid Past Masters who are very active and render valuable assistance to the W. Master and officers of the lodge.

December 12th, 1924.—Visited Acacia Lodge, No. 61, city. Conducted the election of officers and as this is the second largest lodge in Ontario, and may I be permitted to say, one of the best, always keeping the standard of Masonry high and as this lodge has a very large number of very active Past Masters, always ready and willing to assist the officers and no lodge tendered me a more loyal welcome than W. Bro. J. A. Robinson and his splendid officers. I have had the pleasure of being a P.M. of this lodge for a great many years and deem it a great honor.

December 15th, 1924.—Paid my official visit to Doric Lodge, No. 382. Conducted the election of officers and found the splendid old lodge in a flourishing condition under the very able command of W. Bro. G. McCullough, and his loyal officers of which Rt. Wor.

Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory and Rt. W. Bro. Jas. Dixon has been secretary and treasurer for over twenty-five years.

December 19th, 1924—Paid my official visit to the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, city and conducted the election of officers, and also paid several other visits, and found this lodge in a splendid condition, and received a warm welcome.

May 4th, 1925.—Paid my official visit to Hillcrest Lodge, No. 594 and was tendered a very warm welcome by W. Bro. John Geddes and his splendid staff of officers and members. At this meeting the regular officers conferred a First Degree in a perfect manner. In the banquet room a very pleasant time was spent as I had the pleasure and honor of hearing Most W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope and Rt. W. Bro. F. R. Martin on this occasion who gave us fine addresses.

Paid my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, at their March meeting and witnessed a First Degree in a capable manner by W. Bro. John Scott and his officers. On this visit I had the pleasure of having R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. F. R. Martin, V.W. Bro. Jas. Gill and others. This fine old lodge is the home of our distinguished Grand Master Most W. Bro. W. J. Drope.

Paid my official visit to Lincoln Lodge, No. 544, Abbingdon. The officers conferred a First Degree in a splendid manner. This young lodge has a membership of 70 members. At this meeting the attendance was over two hundred and a very pleasant time was spent by all.

In conclusion I again desire to thank the many Past Grand Officers and Past Masters who have assisted me during the year. Their kindness has been unfailing and I shall always look upon the past year as one of pleasure and inspiration. I feel sure that the friendships formed during this period will last and that it has been of mutual benefit to us all.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN FORTH,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District B.



## LONDON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Having completed my duties as District Deputy Grand Master of London District I have the privilege and deem it a further honor of submitting my report on the condition of masonry throughout the district.

Masonry has flourished and I wish it were possible to visualize before you the pride I feel in the district that so signally honored me. in allowing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, during the, to me, wonderful year just closing. To the brethren of London District I express sincere thanks.

The success of the year is due in great measure to support given by Right Worshipful Brothers Ben Noble, Nelson Walsh, Thomas Martin, Wm. C. Moore, Neil McGill, Thomas Rowe, A. C. Ferguson, J. W. Metherrall, C. H. Ziegler, G. H. Poad, Edwin Smith, E. T. Essery, Very Worshipful Brothers Wm. J. Smith and Chas. Luton, also the ruling masters of the ten Craft lodges in the city of London.

I wish to express appreciation and thanks also to Wor. Bro. A. J. Smith, who acted in the capacity of district secretary and accompanied me on most of my official visits and reported upon the secretaries work of the several lodges, as most satisfactory.

There is so much that should be recorded I feel it is going to be hard to confine my report to reasonable length, however I shall try and keep only to essentials.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Drope honored London District on two different occasions during the year with his presence. Once as the guest of the ten city lodges, at a reception, when the brethren and their ladies were further honored, in that he was accompanied by his good wife and daughter, who also endeared themselves to the hundreds who were present.



Then as the guest of Ashlar Lodge, Byron, upon the occasion of the initiation of Brother Holmes, who had served King and Country with such distinction during the "Great War" he was awarded the Victoria Cross and, who by the way, was the youngest Canadian soldier to receive that honor.

Mount Olivet Lodge, Thorndale, is to be commended for putting on a most special meeting at which the first degree was worked. Every chair was occupied by Past District Deputy Grand Masters and the meeting was inspirational to other rural lodges, by showing, what can be accomplished with a little effort.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, celebrated in fitting style its fiftieth anniversary. The occasion was an outstanding one and will live long in the memory of those who were present. Guests from many out of town points, particularly from other Corinthian Lodges attended.

At the request of Most Worshipful Grand Master Drope I acted as Installing Master at the dedication of the new hall erected by Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware. Right Wor. Bro. Metherrall acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies and to him is due the success of the dedication ceremony. Assistance was given at this, as it was upon all occasions when required, by those stalwarts of masonry in this district, whose names are mentioned at the first of this report as maintaining the success of London district.

The joint installation of the officers of the ten city lodges is an annual event which draws the largest attendance of members. Rt. Wor. Bro. Nelson Walsh, present Grand Junior Warden has acted as installing master for several years, and the brethren as a small token of appreciation presented him with a handsomely bound, beautifully engrossed address.

Particularly worthy of mention is the fact that at each of the official visits of your servant to the ten city lodges—the ruling masters of the other city lodges was present, or represented. They were brought in to the meeting collectively and individually introduced to the assembly. I commend this plan to other districts where

it can be done. It tends to a uniformity of work—the masters become better acquainted one with the other—and the members of the several lodges come closer in contact with the brethren who are rulers in the Craft.

Fraternal visits between lodges have been many; without being boresome I desire to mention just one or two, so that record will be made of them.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London, and Kilwinning Lodge, No. 565, Toronto, exchanged visits, due to the coincidence, that the present Grand Senior and Grand Junior Warden are members of these two Kilwinning Lodges.

Temple Lodge, No. 597, visited Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, upon which occasion Wor. Bro. Rath and other Officers of Temple Lodge put on the work, to the pleasure of all present.

I am indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. Burke, D.D.G.M. of St. Thomas District for accompanying me on my official visit to my mother lodge and endeavored to show my appreciation by going with him to his lodge in Pt. Stanley.

The work throughout the district is in my opinion creditable, it reflects honor to the members of the several lodges for the care they must have taken, to select officers. The ruling masters have proven conscientious leaders, studious ritualists, and exemplary officers. Masonry will, I believe, be honored because the members have honored the Masons who today occupy the seat of King Solomon in the lodges of London District.

The majority of the lodges have held Past Masters' nights. The quality of the work performed by Masons who years ago ruled the lodges proves there is more in the work than just a repetition of words.

The other day I had the honor of personally pinning on the breast of Wor. Bro. Skinner for 55 years a Past Master of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, the first long service medal (given by Grand Lodge) to come into

London District. I wish you could all have seen the light of gladness reflected in the love that shone from the eyes of this worthy brother when he received this token from Grand Lodge. If Wor. Bro. Skinner is spared until November he will be 98 years old.

Again expressing sincere thanks for the honor and privileges enjoyed during the year. I wish the brethren could in some way know how wonderfully inspirational has been the loyal support afforded me.

Fraternally yours,

J. BIRNIE SMITH

D.D.G.M. London District

**MUSKOKA DISTRICT**

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge, of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District for the past Masonic year.

In doing so I desire to express my appreciation of the great honor conferred upon me in electing me District Deputy Grand Master of Muskoka District.

Muskoka District with its eight lodges, with one exception, all of which are situated on one line of railway and on the Great Northern Highway makes it even apart from its scenic grandeur the most delightful district over which any District Deputy Grand Master might have the honor to preside. The same peace, harmony, progress, and good fellowship, prevail in this district as in former years. We have been honored during the year with the visits of many distinguished Masons, all of whom spoke in words of highest praise of the quality of the work done in the various lodges.

My first official act was to notify the lodges of my appointment and also of the appointment by me of W. Bro. Bunt, as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. G. H. Phillips as Chaplain.

**Official Visits**

My first official visit was to my own lodge, Corona, No. 454, Burks Falls, on February 9th. W. Bro. Cuthbertson, W.M., and his officers performed the work in a most creditable manner and this lodge is well officered and in a healthy condition. The funds of the lodge are well guarded by a most efficient Treasurer, W. Bro Bunt.

The Secretary of the lodge is myself, and I have endeavoured throughout the year to make use of my most efficient assistant, Bro. A. H. Gibson, wherever possible. Rt. W. Bros. A. M. Church and A. W. Free-

land, P.D.D.G.Ms. honored us with their presence on this occasion. I deeply appreciate the loyalty of the brethren to me on every official visit, as they accompanied me on all occasions in large numbers.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville.—I visited this lodge on February 11th, and although weather conditions were not all that could be desired the attendance was splendid. W. Bro. Millest and his officers performed the degree work in a most efficient manner. The lodge is making splendid progress and the records and funds are well guarded in the hands of W. Bro. Weiler, Secretary, and Rt. W. Bro. Shearer, Treasurer. Rt. W. Bros. Shearer, Fisher and Grant and W. Bros. Bernath, Parker, McDonald, and other Past Masters were present and always take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge.—On March 3rd, I visited this lodge and received a most cordial reception. The degree work by W. Bro. Reid, W.M., and his splendid staff of officers was excellent. The lodge is making steady progress and contemplate extensive improvements to their present quarters which when completed will add greatly to the comfort of the brethren. V.W. Bro. Waine the veteran secretary is still in office and no secretary in the district is more competent or has his records in better shape.

His years of service, his vast experience, and his devotion to duty makes him a most valuable officer. V.W. Bro. Henry Bird, Jr., is custodian of the funds of the lodge which are safely invested and carefully husbanded. This lodge is fortunate in having a large number of Past Masters who continue to take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge fourteen of whom were present on this occasion.

Rt. W. Bro. McKay, P.D.D.G.M. is invariably present and always available for advice and council. V.W. Bro. Linney a Past Master of this lodge has prepared a Pictured History of Muskoka District and has presented to the various lodges group pictures of Past Masters.

This labor of love has entailed much expense and great labor and loss of time on the part of V.W. Bro.



Linney. It is gratifying to the District and must also be to Bro. Linney that he has been invited to give his pictured lecture to lodges in many parts of the Province.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan.—My visit to this lodge was on Good Friday, April 10th. The work of the evening under the able leadership of W. Bro. Scott, W.M., and his efficient officers, was well done and showed careful preparation and painstaking effort. Bro. W. C. Porter is an efficient secretary and treasurer and has his records in excellent condition. The lodge is making steady progress and is on a sound footing.

I was delighted to see W. Bro. Carmichael the first Worshipful Master present and enjoy his ripe experience and genial fellowship. I was also honored by the presence of Bro. Attig of the Grand Secretary's staff. Like some other lodges of the District Powassan has suffered by the removal of many of its Past Masters but V.W. Bro. L. G. Phillips remained firm and unshaken in his loyalty to his lodge. Many visiting brethren were present and a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge.—I visited this lodge on April the 20th. Unfortunately the Electric Power failed at just about the hour for opening the lodge but as Seekers after light this little inconvenience did not handicap us very much. I was most cordially received by W. Bro. Mitchell, W.M., and his officers and by all the brethren present. Bro. M. J. Gulley, secretary, and V.W. Bro. Bailey, treasurer, are most attentive in their respective offices. The work of the evening was well exemplified by the Worshipful Master and his officers, assisted by a faithful band of Past Masters.

This lodge is most fortunate in having a considerable number of Past Masters who enthusiastically support the officers of the lodge and guard the land marks against encroachment. Rt. W. Bro. Church is a tower of strength to the lodge and has also honored me with his presence and advice on many of my official visits. I owe much to Rt. W. Bro. Church.

Golden Rule, No. 409, Gravenhurst.—My visit to this lodge on May 11th, will ever remain in my memory as one of the most delightful of my official visits.

In their most magnificent Masonic Temple all degree work was put aside and I joined with the brethren in the Celebration of their Five Hundredth regular meeting.

The lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. and I was introduced by an old and esteemed Past Master of my own lodge now resident in Gravenhurst in the person of W. Bro. Canon Alman. I think it would be difficult to find any District Deputy Grand Master who received so flattering an introduction as W. Bro. Alman gave to me. The appointments of this lodge are beautiful and as I have visited here on former occasions I know the work is well done.

W. Bro. Wiancko, W.M. is supported by efficient officers and Past Masters and Rt. W. Bros. McLeay and Clipsham continue to take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge. W. Bro. Butterworth has the work of secretary well in hand and V.W. Bro. Wasley is a treasurer of excellent attainments.

Many distinguished brethren were present including Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., P.G.M., Grand Treasurer; Rt. W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope, P.D.D.G.M.; V.W. Bro. W. E. Weegar, Div. Supt. C.N.R.; W. Bro. Buller, Treas. C.N.R.; W. Bro. Canon Alman; Bro. W. B. Kendall, M.D. Supt. Gravenhurst Sanatorium R.W. Bro. M. P. McKay, P.D.D.G.M. and many others. V.W. Bro. Davidson Hon. Secy. continues to take a deep interest in the welfare of his lodge.

Adjournment was made 7 o'clock p.m. to the Gilmour House where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, after which the brethren above referred to, gave addresses of a very high order. Altogether it was an occasion long to be remembered.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale.—I visited this lodge on June 9th having visited here at the previous meeting, and several times during the year, I did not request any degree work for the evening.

W. Bro. McDonald and his officers have improved greatly in their work since my first visit last fall and now have the work well in hand. The veteran secretary, Rt. W. Bro. J. H. Metcalfe, P.D.D.G.M. and the treasurer, Rt. W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, I.P.D.D.G.M. have the books of the lodge in excellent shape and are a tower of strength to the lodge. W. Bro. Thaw, V.W. Bro. Pearce, W. Bro. MacNeil and a number of other Past Masters are still taking a keen interest in the progress of the lodge. None of my official visits impressed me more deeply than the events of this evening.

Rt. W. Bro. Metcalfe for many years secretary of the lodge has attained the distinction of being fifty years a Mason and the brethren fittingly honored him on the occasion by presenting to him a Past Master's Jewel, a fountain pen and a well filled purse of gold as an expression of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge.

I had the honor, jointly with Rt. W. Bro. Barber an early Past Master of lodge of making the presentation and addressing the recipient. Many visiting brethren were present some of them from long distances, including W. Bro. Alman, of Gravenhurst, a former member of this lodge. At the splendid banquet provided many addresses were given expressing the high esteem in which Rt. W. Bro. Metcalfe, is held throughout the District.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound.—My official visit to this lodge was made on June 17th. W. Bro. Kenny, W.M. and his very competent officers assisted by Past Masters performed the degree work, in an almost faultless manner, with full musical ritual in which the choir performed an important part.

The splendid appointments of this lodge and the excellent banquet room are unequalled by any lodge in the district and unsurpassed by many lodges in the large centres of population.

The secretary, W. Bro. Zeigler though new in office, performed his work admirably and the Veteran Treasurer W. Bro. Spring looks well to the finances of the lodge.

The lodge was fortunate in securing Bro. F. J. Haydon, Secy. of the Bureau of Masonic Research, Toronto, to give an address on the Symbolism of the First Degree.

This address was most interesting and instructive and the Brethren of Granite Lodge, are to be complimented on their desire for more information and greater Masonic light.

Rt. W. Bro. Limbert, P.D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. J. L. Moore, W. Bro. Pirie, and many other Past Masters take a keen interest in the lodge, which is reflected in the splendid prosperity which it enjoys. I was heartily received and royally entertained. We spent a wonderful night together with nothing of sadness but the absence of the familiar form and glad handshake of Rt. W. Bro. Col. Knifton who passed over to the Great Beyond during the year. He had an notable and enviable career, was full of years and usefulness, was one whom we all honoured and whose memory we revere.

Port Carling.—A number of brethren of Port Carling and surrounding territory having applied to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the instituting of a lodge at that point I was instructed to visit Port Carling and investigate conditions and make a report thereon. I visited Port Carling on May 12th, and explained to the brethren the necessity of complying with the constitution and reporting to me when they had received the necessary consent of the lodges affected and had completed other important arrangements.

This the brethren of Port Carling have since done and the matter has been referred to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his decision.

In conclusion let me express my sincerest appreciation for the courtesies extended to me by every lodge in the district on the occasion of my official visit. My reception everywhere has been most cordial and kindly and the year has passed without a single jar or unpleasant incident.

I most heartily thank the visiting brethren who have accompanied me in large numbers on every occasion.

Especially to the members of my own lodge I am deeply indebted for their splendid loyalty in accompanying me with a strong delegation on every visit. To Rt. W. Bros. Church, Freeland, McKay, Fisher, Shearer, Grant, Clipsham and many other P.D.D.G.Ms. am I indebted for wise council and advise.

During the year my circle of Masonic friendship has been enlarged, my vision broadened, and my mind enriched, and I shall ever look back on the pleasant and profitable intercourse held with my brethren during my year of service as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in Muskoka District.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. WILSON, D.D.G.M.

Muskoka District.



## NIAGARA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry throughout Niagara District during the past year.

First, I desire to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the brethren throughout the whole district for the confidence expressed in honoring me with the distinguished position and also for their many acts of courtesy during my term of office. I am especially grateful to the brethren who so kindly assisted me in my duties and accompanied me on my visits.

Following my election to office, I appointed Wor. Bro. L. R. Brennan of Merritt Lodge, Welland, District Secretary. The wisdom of this choice is found in the universal favor with which he has been received by every lodge in the district, and is enhanced by the fact that he has performed all the duties of his office most conscientiously.

With two exceptions, I have visited each lodge in the district at least once, and am pleased to report that the work is being exemplified in a manner creditable to the officers of the different lodges. Without exception, I may say, dignity and decorum prevail in the conducting of lodge business, conferring of degrees and also at the banquet table, for all of which the members of the Craft in this district are to be commended.

My first official duty was to institute Stamford Lodge, U.D. at South End Village, on Nov. 5th, 1924. At this institution R.W. Bro. Lymburner, Wor. Bro. Reid of Clifton Lodge and Past Masters of Merritt Lodge ably assisted me. This lodge room is well appointed and equipped and has all prospects of becoming a sound institution. R.W. Bro. Warren of Clifton Lodge addressed words of advice to the officers and members of this newly instituted lodge as to their duties to their lodge in particular and to the Craft in general.

On November 11th. I visited Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport, and received a hearty welcome. The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Cohoe and his officers, assisted by Past Masters. This lodge serves a large rural district, and, as the officers live some distance apart, they do not have the practices so necessary in making our work perfect. One criticism I wish to make is this—the brethren are slow in arriving, necessitating a delay in the opening of the lodge. This is annoying to the brethren who are on time and I am sure the efficiency of the lodge would be increased if the matter of punctuality was more seriously considered. On this occasion we had the pleasure of having R.W. Bro. Walter Madill, P.G.J.W. with us, and several visitors from Lincoln, Phoenix, Copestone and Merritt Lodges. The secretary, Wor. Bro. Fralick reported dues well paid up.

I visited Coronation Lodge, Smithville, on Dec. 8th, 1924, and was accompanied by a number of Brethren from Welland. Although the weather was very unfavorable, the attendance was large. We were well received by Wor. Bro. Parrott and the brethren. The initiatory degree was conferred on a very bright candidate in an excellent manner by the Worshipful Master and officers, assisted by Past Masters. The Past Masters of this lodge deserve great credit for the able assistance they are giving to the present officers. Wor. Bro. Patterson, the secretary, reported dues well paid.

My next official visit was to Amity Lodge, Dunnville, on Dec. 17th, 1924. I was introduced to the lodge by Wor. Bros. Parkes and Hastings, and was cordially received by the brethren. Election of officers was held and perfect harmony prevailed throughout the evening. This lodge has a progressive staff of officers and a bright outlook for the year under the guiding hand of the Master, Wor. Bro. Allen. Wor. Bro. Lymburner, the secretary, reports dues well paid up.

St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, was visited on Jan. 13th, 1925. Very Wor. Bro. Holmes and Wor. Bro. Ruddell introduced me to the lodge, and the reception by Wor. Bro. Coates and the brethren was most cordial. The first degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner and the reputation of this lodge, for good work,

was well sustained. The Junior Warden is worthy of special mention for his efficiency. Secretary Lindsay has his books in splendid condition and reports dues well paid up.

On Feb. 3rd, 1925, I had the pleasure of visiting Palmer Lodge, Bridgeburg. The third degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. Much to the credit of the Wor. Master, he performed the whole of the degree with the exception of the charge from the Book of Constitution—a heavy task, but performed in an excellent manner. This is the Mother Lodge of Rt. Wor. Bro. Tait, who is in no small way responsible for its high standing. Wor. Bro. N. D. Graham has his books in excellent shape and reports dues well paid.

I received a very cordial reception from the brethren of Adanac Lodge, Merritton, on my official visit, Feb. 5th, 1925. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Moffatt and his officers in a very creditable manner. During the evening, I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Savigny, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge. This is one of the youngest lodges in the district and merits commendation for its progressiveness and proficiency of officers.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls, Feb. 10th, 1925.—This indeed, was a fine meeting, and my reception was most cordial. Wor. Bro. Bromhall and his efficient staff of officers performed the second degree in a perfect manner. I had the pleasure of again visiting St. Mark's on Feb. 27th, its Past Masters' Night, and presenting jewels of office to twenty-one of its Past Masters. An outstanding event of the evening was the very able manner in which Wor. Bro. McKenzie, who was Master of this lodge in 1879 and its oldest Past Master living, obligated the candidate in the first degree. St. Mark's financial standing is good and the secretary reports dues well paid.

I visited Mountain Lodge, Thorold, officially, on Feb. 12th, 1925 and was received by Rt. Wor. Bro. Sheppard, P.G.C., and Wor. Bro. Mawdesley. Wor. Bro. Mable and his officers conferred the first degree in an impressive manner. Mountain lodge is well sup-

ported by many efficient Past Masters. The secretary's books are well kept and the arrearage of dues small. A number of visitors were present from Sister Lodges of the district. An enjoyable event at the banquet table was a bright talk on Masonry given by Bro. Hatzan of Clifton Lodge, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

On Feb. 18th, 1925, I visited Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, officially, and received a hearty welcome. R.W. Bro. MacLean and Wor. Bro. Dakers introduced me to the brethren. The F.C. Degree was performed in a very excellent manner by Wor. Bro. Rutherford and his officers, assisted by Past Masters. Wor. Bro. Rutherford is a very efficient Master. The secretary reports dues well paid up. A large number of visitors were present from neighboring lodges and at the close of the meeting a very enjoyable hour was spent at the banquet table.

On March 5th, 1925, I visited Clifton Lodge, Niagara Falls. This is the largest lodge in the district, and one of the most proficient. R.W. Bro. Lymburner and Wor. Bro. G. T. Cook escorted me to the East and the reception extended by Wor. Bro. Milne and the brethren was most cordial. The third degree was performed in a very impressive manner by the Master and officers. The secretary, R.W. Bro. Warren, reports dues well paid up and his books in excellent shape.

On March 9th, 1925, I paid my official visit to my Mother Lodge, Merrit, No. 168, Welland. I had the privilege of observing the degree work in this lodge on previous occasions during the year. The manner in which Wor. Bro. Emerson and his officers exemplified the first degree on this evening could hardly be improved on. This lodge is indebted to Wor. Bro. H. E. Dawdy, the secretary, and to Wor. Bro. G. T. Cook, the Treasurer for many years of faithful service and they are responsible in no small way for its good standing.

I visited Seymour Lodge, Port Dalhousie, officially, on March 11th, 1925, and received a warm welcome from Wor. Bro. Corbett and the brethren. The third degree was exemplified by the officers in a manner which reflected great credit on this lodge. These brethren



recently purchased the building in which their lodge is held and now own their own home. The records of this lodge are well looked after by Wor. Bro. T. O. Johnson, who is a very efficient secretary.

My official visit to Adoniram Lodge, Niagara Falls, was made on March 16th, 1925. The work of the evening was the F.C. degree and the candidate was well skilled. Wor. Bro. Fleming and his officers conferred the degree in a faultless manner and are to be congratulated. The Junior Deacon gave the lecture from the Book of Constitution in a manner befitting any Past Master. Adoniram enjoys a well appointed lodge room and banquet hall. At this meeting I was glad to meet R.W. Bro. Didemus, P.D.D.G.M. as well as several visitors from surrounding lodges. The secretary, Wor. Bro. Little, has his records in first class shape.

I paid an official visit to Stamford Lodge, U.D., at South End, on March 25th, 1925, and was introduced to the brethren by R.W. Bro. Lymburner and Wor. Bro. Miller of St. Mark's Lodge. A hearty greeting was extended to me by Wor. Bro. Depew and the brethren. The work of the evening was in the third degree and was exemplified in a very impressive and creditable manner by the officers. This lodge was instituted on Nov. 5th, 1924, and has made good progress. I believe it is filling a long-felt want in this particular portion of the District. Much credit for its success is due to the untiring efforts of Wor. Bro. Depew, the present Master, and to Wor. Bro. Wm. Church and Wor. Bro. Robert Smith, Past Masters of Clifton who have affiliated with this new lodge. Bro. Couch has performed good service as secretary. I have been watching this lodge closely since its institution, and predict its continued success.

On April 1st, 1925, I visited King Edward VII Lodge at Chippawa, and received a hearty welcome. Wor. Bros. Gray and Pierce introduced me to the lodge. There was no degree work during the evening. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and a recently raised candidate was examined in the Third Degree. He proved to be very proficient. This lodge and the brethren suffered a loss in the death of R.W. Bro. Brown who passed to the Grand Lodge above on Oct.



31st, 1924. R.W. Bro. Brown was one of the most ardent Masons in the Niagara District. A large number of visitors were present from the various lodges in the district. The secretary, Bro. Smeaton reports all dues paid up.

I had the pleasure of making my official visit to Copestone Lodge, Welland, on the evening of April 2nd, 1925, and received a hearty reception from the officers and brethren. There was a very large attendance—about one hundred and fifty brethren. The work of the evening was the Second Degree, which Wor.; Bro. Herdman and his officers, assisted by Wor. Bros. Watt and Deitch, conferred in a faultless manner. This meeting was honored by the presence of three P.D.D.G. Ms. in the persons of R.W. Bros. Crow, Pettit and Damude, and also by a large number of visitors from Sister Lodges in the District. At the close of the meeting, we attended a splendid banquet prepared in McCuaig Hall, Presbyterian Church. R.W. Bro. Pettit acted as Toast Master and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

On April 7th, 1925, I made my official visit to Myrtle Lodge, Port Robinson, and was introduced by R.W. Bros. Ross and Damude. The work of the evening was in the First Degree, which was conferred in a very able manner by Wor. Bro. Camp and his officers. R.W. Bro. Ross giving the charge from the Book of Constitution in his usual efficient manner. The records of this lodge are well kept by R.W. Bro. Ross.

I had the pleasure of visiting Phoenix Lodge, Font-hill, on April 13th, 1925, and received a royal welcome from the brethren. The Second Degree was exemplified in a very impressive and perfect manner by Wor. Bro. Page and his officers. There was an extremely large attendance of members and visitors, and among those present were R.W. Bro. Madill, P.G.J.W., R.W. Bros. Crow, Ross and Damude, P.D.D.G. Ms. and V.W. Bros. Holmes and Clark. After the work of the evening, a banquet was given and a very enjoyable time spent. The Doric Quartette of Welland added much to the evening's pleasure.

On April 21st, 1925, I made my official visit to Fort Erie Lodge, No. 613. I was well received by Wor. Bro. Eagan and the brethren. The work of the Third Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. Fort Erie Lodge is one of the youngest in the District and is to be congratulated on its progressiveness. The members enjoy a very comfortable and well furnished lodge room.

On April 30th, 1925, I officially visited Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines. Wor. Bros. Inkstater and Stobie introduced me to the lodge and Wor. Bro. MacKenzie extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the members. The First Degree was exemplified in a faultless manner. This lodge has a very efficient staff of officers. R.W. Bro. Johnston has his books in excellent shape and reports the dues well paid up.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, was visited on May 5th. There was a large attendance at this meeting including a goodly number of visitors from all parts of the District. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Frampton and was well received. Wor. Bro. Taylor and his officers, assisted by Past Masters, conferred the First Degree on a candidate in a very able and impressive manner. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall at the close of the meeting—very instructive talks on Masonry were given by R.W. Bro. Charles Ross, V.W. Bro. Frampton, Wor. Bro. Inkstater and many other brethren present.

On the evening of May 7th, 1925, I paid my official visit to Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway. Wor. Bro. Wilkins and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge is comparatively young, having been instituted in 1923, but it has already assumed the proportions of a good lodge. Bro. Beeshey, the secretary, has his records in first class shape, and reports dues well paid.

Perfection Lodge, No. 616, St. Catharines.—Through circumstances beyond my control I was unable to keep my official appointment on the evening of May 11th. and R.W. Bro. MacLean, P.D.D.G.M. of Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, very kindly, at my request, paid the visit for me. He reports the work in the Second

Degree well performed by Wor. Bro. Brown and the officers of the Lodge, the secretary's records well kept and only a small amount of dues outstanding.

The date of my official visit to Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne, was set for May 12th, 1925. It was impossible for me to attend on that evening and I requested R.W. Bro. J. H. Crow, P.D.D.G.M. of Merritt Lodge, Welland, to act in my stead, which he kindly consented to do. He reported that the work in the Third Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Carter in a most efficient manner, the books in perfect shape and a very enjoyable evening spent in the banquet hall at the close of the meeting.

My last official visit was on June 3rd, 1925, to Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the Lake, where I received a hearty welcome from the members. The work consisted of the Third Degree and was conferred in a most excellent manner by Wor. Bro. Brown and his officers, assisted by Wor. Bros. Inkstater and Coleman. Niagara Lodge has one of the most proficient Masters in the District in the person of Wor. Bro. Brown, and the work of all the officers is worthy of much commendation. Bro. A. J. Wood keeps the records of the Lodge in first class order and reports dues fairly well paid. On the occasion of this visit, there was an exceptionally large attendance of members and visitors.

I would like to pay a tribute to the Past Masters of the different lodges, not only for their faithfulness of attendance and the interest they manifest in all the affairs of their respective lodges, but for the efficient way they perform their work when called upon.

I have endeavored to make my visits, not the occasion for criticism, but rather of kindly suggestions where I considered such might be helpful, remembering that much which happens is more frequently due to nervousness rather than because of its being the usual custom.

As previously stated, I visited each lodge in the district at least once, with two exceptions, and I am very grateful to R.W. Bro. MacLean of Temple Lodge, St.

Catharines and to R.W. Bro. J. H. Crow of Merritt Lodge, Welland, for officiating at the meetings which I was unable to attend.

I have not made particular mention of the many pleasant hours spent at refreshment, but one and all entertained me most hospitably, while the addresses and entertainments have been of the high order befitting the dignity of Masonry. Here, I wish to express my appreciation to the Doric Male Quartette of Welland which accompanied me on my occasions and added much to the evenings pleasure.

In conclusion, I believe that the condition of Masonry in the Niagara District is satisfactory and I bespeak for my successor the kindly co-operation and support given me, which made my term of office a very pleasant one.

Fraternally submitted,

C. S. BRAVIN,  
D.D.G.M. Niagara District.

## NIPISSING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Having been elected as D.D.G.M. for Nipissing District, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor, more particularly because it is the first time Dymont Lodge, No. 442 has had the honor of having one of her members elected D.D.G.M. To the utmost of my ability, I have endeavoured to prove worthy of the honor, and dignity becoming the office.

The principle event of the year just ended, was the visit of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, W. J. Drope, at the Institution of Hatherly Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie, after which the Grand Master visited Espanola, North Bay and Sudbury.

On Friday, August 29th, I entered upon my official duties, by assisting the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to institute Hatherly Lodge at Sault Ste. Marie. This was a very auspicious occasion. there being several Past District Deputy Grand Masters present, in the persons of Rt. Wor. Bros. A. Simpson, C. W. McCrae, J. B. Way, W. J. Moorehouse, W. J. Thompson and Knight. I have no doubt as to the success of Hatherly Lodge.

My next duty was Constituting and Dedicating, and Installing the officers of Lorne Lodge, No. 622, Chapleau on Sept. 17th, On this occasion I was assisted by Bros. J. B. Way, J. E. Simpson and H. Barns of Sault Ste. Marie; Bros. Sharp and Cressey of Sudbury and Bro. Fulchur of North Bay. I am very grateful to Bro. Sharp who so ably installed the officers, and to the other brethren for their kind assistance. Lorne Lodge is away to a good start, with a beautiful lodge room, and good officers.

I visited Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, on Monday, January 26th. I was accorded a great and pleasant reception. Wor. Bro. Sale, conferred a First Degree assisted by a splendid compliment of officers and



Past Masters, the work was well rendered. Nipissing Lodge is very progressive and well supported by Past Masters.

On Tuesday, January 27th, I visited Mattawa Lodge No. 405. There was no degree work, but the enthusiasm was good.

I visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge, on Wednesday, January 28th, The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The attendance was good and this lodge is progressing nicely.

On Thursday, January 29th, I visited North Bay Lodge, No. 617, of North Bay. I was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Jas. Smith, Wor. Bro. Lowery, assisted by good officers, conferred a third degree. The work was beautifully done. There was a large attendance. North Bay Lodge is making progress.

On Tuesday, February 10th, I visited Algonquin Lodge, Coppercliff. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Smith of North Bay. Wor. Bro. W. T. Waterbury and his able officers, conferred a first degree very creditably.

On Wednesday, February 11th, I visited Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury. I was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Fowler and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Smith. The second degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. L. Fowler in perfect style, assisted by a competent body of officers.

Thursday, Feb. 12th, I visited National Lodge, No. 588, Capreol. I was agreeably surprised to find such a fine lodge, and well officered. The work was in the first degree and was well rendered. Unfortunately National Lodge suffered damage by fire shortly after my visit, but I trust they now are re-established.

On Wednesday, March 24th, I visited Espanola Lodge, No. 527 at Espanola. I was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. LeBaron Diblee. This lodge has good officers. The third degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. Masonry is flourishing in Espanola.

On March 20th, I again visited Hatherley Lodge U.D. at Sault Ste. Marie. Two second degrees, and one third was conferred, the work was well done. The Past Masters of Keystone and Algoma Lodges, take a motherly interest in Hatherley Lodge, which is making good progress. I will always look upon Hatherley as my baby lodge, and I will not miss an opportunity to visit when possible.

On April 9th, I visited Dymont Lodge, No. 442, my mother lodge in Thessalon. I was presented by Wor. Bro. J. H. Glanville and received a great reception. The second degree was conferred very creditably. Masonry is progressing and Dymont Lodge improving.

On May 11th, I visited Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487, Blind River. I received a warm welcome from the Master, Officers and Brethren. The third degree was well rendered. This lodge is getting along nicely.

Tuesday, May 12th, I visited Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie. I was presented by six Past District Deputy Grand Masters, in the persons of Rt. Wor. Bros. Knight, Moorehouse, Thompson, Way, Simpson, McCrae. The work of the evening was a third degree, and I cannot speak too highly of Wor. Bro. Jenkinson and his fine officers. Keystone Lodge is worthy of the reputation it enjoys.

Monday, May 18th, I visited Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie. Algoma Lodge extended a wonderful reception to me. Wor. Bro. Paul conferred a first degree, assisted by Very able officers, in such a manner, as to merit praise; for Algoma Lodge does beautiful work. It was particularly pleasing to meet in the Lodge and at the banquet, Wor. Bro. W. L. Nichols who on December 27th, 1897, raised me to the M.M. Degree.

On Wednesday, May 27th, I visited Gore Bay Lodge, at Gore Bay. Wor. Bro. R. Robinson conferred a second degree in a very creditable manner; the officers in this lodge work well. A pleasing feature was the presence of the members' mothers, daughters, and wives at the banquet to meet Mrs. Dobie who accompanied me to the great Manitoulin Island.

On Thursday, May 28th, I visited Doric Lodge at Little Current. I was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Le Baron Diblee. The work being in the second degree was well put on. This lodge is doing nicely and improving. The attendance was large.

In conclusion permit me to say that the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District is excellent, at all the meetings the brethren displayed true devotion and dignity in transacting lodge business, and in all the lodges the Past Masters keep up their devotion to the work. The year just closing will long be remembered by me, because of all the happy and pleasing events of the year has given me a greater Masonic vision and a greater attachment to the Craft.

Finally I cannot close without again expressing my sincere thanks for the unbounded hospitality, extended to me on all my visits, which made all my official duties, a continuous round of pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

R. C. DOBIE, D.D.G.M.,  
Nipissing District.

## NORTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in North Huron District during the past year.

I wish first to express my deep appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this District in electing me as the representative of The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and to thank them for the courteous and hearty welcome extended to me on all occasions, and to the Brethren of My Mother Lodge who accompanied me on my visits, and particularly Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry Gibson, Rt. Wor. Bro. Jas. Gilmore, P.D.D. G.Ms, and Wor. Bros. J. L. Stewart and Wor. Bro. O. Thompson, for their kindly advice and assistance.

I had the pleasure of officially visiting all the lodges in the district, and will ever remember with fond recollections the kindness, and fraternal goodwill shown to me at all times. The interest, enthusiasm and efficiency shown by the officers of every lodge is plainly evident that a sincere effort was being made to carry out the degree work correctly and impressively. In instances where large amounts of dues are outstanding I have recommended the secretaries to write personal letters to the brethren in arrears, which I believe has met with success and considerable dues have been collected. I have found the secretaries of lodges capable in the performance of their duties. I am pleased to report that Masonry throughout the whole district is in a very bright and prosperous condition and that perfect harmony prevails. The presence of so many Past Masters in practically every lodge, giving their advice, support and guiding the affairs of the lodge was one of the pleasing features of my official visits.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter.—My first official visit was made on Monday evening, Oct. 6th, 1924. to Forest Lodge with several brethren from my mother

lodge. Wor. Bro. Wearing and his staff of officers exemplified the second degree in a very pleasing and efficient manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Brown is to be congratulated on the neat and perfect manner in which he has the lodge books.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston.—I visited this lodge on Friday evening, Oct. 10th, 1924, accompanied by a number of brethren of my own lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Wor. Bro. T. Leakey who has been moved to Kincardine made a special trip to fill the Master's Chair, and exemplified the Fellowcraft Degree in a faultless manner. The officers are well trained in every way and the books of the lodge are well kept and in good shape.

Friday evening, Nov. 14th, I had the pleasure of visiting Blair Lodge on the occasion of their Semi-Centennial Anniversary, when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. W. H. Drope was present, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan. After the closing of the lodge, a splendid banquet was given and a enjoyable evening spent. The address by Most Worshipful Bro. Drope and Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan were highly instructive and interesting and appreciated by all members present. Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Hyndman gave a very interesting sketch of the fifty years of masonry in Blair Lodge. A splendid toast list was enjoyed by all. Over two hundred brethren and laides were present to celebrate with the brethren of Blair Lodge on their fiftieth birthday.

On Friday evening, Oct. 17th, 1924, accompanied by a number of brethren I had the pleasure of visiting Clinton Lodge, South Huron, our Sister District, being the occasion of the official visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Aberhart, when Wor. Bro. Venner and his splendid staff of officers exemplified the third degree in an impressive and instructive manner. We were royally entertained both in the lodge room and banquet hall. Many thanks are due to the brethren of Clinton Lodge for their kind hospitality.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284.—My visit to this lodge was on Tuesday evening, Nov. 11th, 1924. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Witon and warmly welcomed.



The Wor. Master with his officers conferred the third degree in a creditable manner. St. John's Lodge is fortunate in having a number of Past Masters who have a keen interest in the lodge. This being Armistice day after the lodge work, we had a number of inspiring addresses from visiting brethren.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham.—I visited this lodge officially on Mar. 3rd, 1925, and as it is My Mother Lodge I was particularly interested in the work being done. Wor. Bro. Thompson conferred the second degree in a very excellent manner. Bro. Beecroft, the Senior Warden, gave his lecture very impressively. Wingham Lodge is in a prosperous condition due to the help and guidance of the large number of Past Masters. The secretary, Wor. Bro. R. A. Coutts has his books in splendid shape and no outstanding dues.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth.—April 14th, 1925. My official visit to Blyth Lodge, accompanied by a number of brethren from my Mother Lodge. Wor. Bro. Snell conferred the third degree on a well prepared candidate in a manner that was a credit to himself and Blyth Lodge. A very pleasing incident is that the Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens are brothers and fill the respective offices in a capable manner. Their father was present at this meeting. A large number of brethren from adjoining lodges were present both in the lodge and banquet hall where we had inspiring addresses from Rt. Wor. Bro. Gibson, Rt. Wor. Bro. Tiemary and Wor. Bro. Peter Scott.

Hullett Lodge, No. 568, Londesboro.—Tuesday evening, May 5th, 1925, I visited this lodge officially when a large number of brethren were present from Clinton, Blyth, Goderich, and Carlow. Wor. Bro. Wells very ably exemplified the fellowcraft degree. Wor. Bro. Fingland has his books in splendid shape. After the close of the lodge the lodge presented Wor. Bro. Dan Geddes and Wor. Bro. T. Sampson with Past Masters' Aprons. Hullet Lodge is doing splendid work.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich.—Thursday evening, May 7th, 1925. With a number of brethren from my own lodge I visited Fordwich Lodge officially and was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Gibson. The

Master, Wor. Bro. E. Patterson conferred the second degree. The degree was exemplified in an efficient manner. The lodge room has been recently decorated and is neat and attractive. A number of Brethren from Harriston, Wroxeter, Teeswater and Brussels were present.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow.—Thursday, May 14th, 1925. An emergent meeting was held in the above date specially for my official visit. A large gathering of visiting brethren were present from various lodges. Wor. Bro. Hodgins conferred the fellowcraft degree on two candidates in a very creditable manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Patterson presented the working tools and gave the charge to the candidates very impressively. The present healthy state of Old Light Lodge is largely due to his guidance and advice during the past years, as it is in a prosperous condition and doing splendid work.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater.—Tuesday evening, May 28th, 1925. Teeswater Lodge with about seventy-five members, recently furnished a new lodge room with spacious banquet hall and ante-room, with all necessary appointments and finishings and on the above date I had the pleasure of officiating as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in dedicating the new lodge rooms and was very ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. G. M. Patterson as Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Brown as Junior Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. S. Wilton as Grand Senior Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Gibson as Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Bro. Fowler as Grand Director of Ceremonies and several other visiting and local Past Masters.

I made this my official visit to Teeswater Lodge and after the dedication ceremony, the Master, Wor. Bro. Brown resumed the chair and exemplified the second degree in a manner that is a credit to himself and Teeswater Lodge. The brethren of Teeswater Lodge are to be congratulated on their new quarters and the splendid work they are doing in maintaining the high standard of masonry in this District.

Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine.—Wednesday evening, June 3rd, 1925. I visited this lodge officially

and was introduced by Very Wor. Bro. E. Millar. From the reception I received on this occasion I regretted more than ever my inability to be present at their annual At Home. Wor. Bro. MacKenzie and his excellent staff of officers conferred the First Degree on Bro. H. Johnson which was admirably done, giving me no opportunity to criticise in any way. Bro. O. J. Mooney as Junior Deacon is to be commended on the splendid way he performs the duty of his office. Very Wor. Bro. E. Miller the veteran Past Master presented Northern Light Lodge with two hand carved pillars in memory of their deceased brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. MacPherson is a very efficient secretary and the books of the lodge are in excellent order.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel.—Friday evening, June 5th, 1925, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge. There was a good attendance and Wor. Bro. Wm. Lauklner and his officers worked the second degree, and the reputation that this lodge enjoys for good work was well sustained. This lodge is ably supported by a number of Past Masters, especially Rt. Wor. Bro. Blackmore and Rt. Wor. Bro. Watson.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton.—Tuesday, June 9th, 1925. An emergent meeting called specially for my official visit. Wor. Bro. Grunder and his staff of officers exemplified the second degree on a well instructed candidate. The lecture delivered by the Senior Warden was worthy of praise. Wor. Bro. McLaren, the secretary has his books in splendid order. A large number of brethren were present including Rt. Wor. Bro. MacPherson, Rt. Wor. Bro. Morrison and Very Wor. Bro. Miller. The lodge room was neat and clean and prospects are good.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers of the various lodges in the District for their support and co-operation and the kindness and courtesy which I received on every occasion and I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which made my work pleasant and profitable.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT J. JOBB,  
D.D.G.M. North Huron District.

## ONTARIO DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting this report on the condition of Masonry in my district for the year ending June 24th, 1925, I desire to express a very deep feeling of gratitude and appreciation; gratitude for the loyal support and assistance I have received from the Worshipful Masters and brethren of my mother lodge Durham, No. 66, for the kindly courtesy that has been so freely extended to me by the Masters, Wardens and brethren of the other lodges; appreciation of the high honor conferred when I was elected the representative and ambassador of The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, to the lodges of Ontario District.

I have devoted to this important duty all the energy and ability with which the Great Architect of the Universe has been graciously pleased to endow me.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Bro. J. Scott Montgomery, manager of the Standard Bank of Canada, Newcastle, as District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. E. B. Cooke, Pastor of the Methodist Church, Newcastle, as District Chaplain. These brethren are accomplished speakers, are active in Masonic circles and have rendered me the greatest service throughout the year.

In my addresses to the brethren I endeavoured to stress the need of and the benefit to be derived from the cultivation of a broader spirit of brotherhood, leaving the District Secretary and Chaplain to relate the ancient history of the order and expound the inner meanings of our symbolism which they did in a most entertaining and inspiring manner.

You will no doubt be pleased to note in the detailed report of the lodges that there is maintained a very high standard of excellence in the work throughout the district. While it is difficult to single out any of the lodges for special and particular mention, still if I were to do so



I feel that perhaps St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, and Composite Lodge, Whitby, would merit that distinction. Their work was practically letter perfect and their officers full of zeal and energy. My predecessor Right Wor. Bro. Wormington no doubt deserves much credit for the high degree of efficiency obtaining in his home lodge. Any criticism I had to offer during my term of office was of very minor matters.

The Musical Ritual is now used in practically all the lodges, is well rendered and adds greatly to the solemnity and impressiveness of the ceremony.

Under the able leadership of Wor. Bro. Henry of Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, the Past Masters' Association is proving an active organization and very effective in promoting the interests of the craft. In addition to the regular meetings of this association two very impressive gatherings were held during the term. Early in the year Right Worshipful Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary attended at Bowmanville and addressed the Past Masters on the meaning of the Constitution, By-laws and Ritual from which much useful and needed information was obtained. The final meeting was held in Newcastle June 9th, 1925, most interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Right Wor. Bro. Saunders of Toronto and Wor. Bro. Bickle of Cobourg.

Probably the most outstanding event during my term of office was the celebrating by Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle of what they termed their Jubilee Year. 1924 marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of Masonry in the village, it also marked the second occasion in that long period of time that the lodge was honored by having chosen from its membership a brother to represent the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. A third cause for rejoicing lay in the fact that the lodge, through the generosity of Chester D. Massey, whose revered father Hart Massey was a charter member thereof, found itself possessed of the most unique Masonic Home in the district, situated in the east wing of the finest and completest community hall in Canada and reached by ascending a most artistic stairway of cut stone with walls of panelled brick. The brethren having furnished their rooms with a dignity corresponding to the surroundings



decided to fittingly celebrate these auspicious occasions in a manner worthy of the events and creditable to themselves.

On Sunday, Oct. 26th, 1924.—The brethren of the entire district attended a Divine Community Service in the Community Hall, conducted by Wor. Bro. Rev. Dr. R. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto, Financial Secretary of the Methodist Church in Canada, the spacious auditorium was filled to capacity, on the platform were seated the District Deputy, the District Chaplain, the Master of the lodge and Wor. Bro. Dr. J. A. Butler in his double capacity of Reeve of the Village and Chaplain of the lodge. Suitable music was furnished by the massed choirs of all the protestant churches. Dr. Simpson's subject was Christian Brotherhood and its relation to Masonry. The vast audience was both charmed and inspired by the eloquence and earnestness of the speaker. I trust that these district services will become annual events.

On Monday, Oct. 27th, 1924.—The Great Hall was again crowded, the citizens of the village and surrounding country to the number of eight hundred being the guests of Durham Lodge at a musical entertainment of the highest merit. The artists were all members of the craft and favorably known throughout Canada and the states under the name of the Aeolian Quartette. The brethren took this method of exemplifying and expressing their belief in and sympathy with the Community Movement to the encouragement of which Mr. Massey had donated his magnificent gift.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28th, 1924.—The crowning event of the three days celebration took place on this date. Before a gathering of three hundred of the brethren of the district, Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. J. H. Kidd, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain respectively, Rt. Wor. Bro. Pearsons of Toronto, the present and past district deputies, and masters of the district, solemnly dedicated the lodge rooms to the service of Masonry according to the ancient rites, ceremonies and usages of the craft.

After the ceremony of dedication was concluded, the Grand Master and visiting brethren were entertained at a banquet served in the spacious dining hall under the supervision of that prince of stewards, Wor. Bro. T. W. Jackson. The addresses of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and his assistants were all interesting, entertaining and instructive.

I indeed feel that I have been greatly honored in being privileged to welcome the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers to Durham Lodge in Newcastle.

### Official Visits

It gives me the greatest pleasure to certify that in all my visits I have been received with the finest courtesy and welcomed in a manner befitting the representative and ambassador of the Head and Chief of the Craft in Ontario.

Port Perry—I visited Fidelity Lodge, No. 428 on Nov. 7th, 1924, accompanied by the District Secretary and Chaplain, Bros. W. Jamieson and H. Toms. The work of the third degree was conferred in a creditable manner although showing in some parts a slight lack of sufficient practice. I called their attention to a few minor defects and my criticisms if they could be called such were well received. Fidelity is to be congratulated on the interest taken in Masonic Education for on this occasion Bro. Chas. Dawes of Toronto gave a most interesting address on the symbols of Masonry.

Cobourg, St. John's Lodge, No. 17.—I visited this Lodge Nov. 18th, 1924, with several brethren. The work of the evening was the first degree and their rendering of the ritual could not be surpassed. The Junior Warden's lecture was exceptionally well delivered. The Master is to be congratulated on the hearty support he is receiving from his Past Masters and officers.

Oshawa, Lebanon Lodge, No. 139.—On Dec. 9th, 1924, I paid my official visit to this lodge which is one of the largest of the district. The rooms are beautifully furnished, but there is a lack of sufficient dining accommodation and it is found necessary to use the inner room for after dinner speaking. Worshipful Bro. Proctor and

his officers exemplified the third degree in a most pleasing manner, offering little room for remarks or suggestions of a critical nature. One brother suggested that he hoped the District Deputy would report to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master that he had tried them by the square level and plumb-rule and found them foursquare in all respects. I am happy to state that such is the case.

Orono, Orono Lodge, No. 325—On Jan. 8th, 1925 accompanied by Wor. Bros. Joll, Fligg, Couch, Jackson, Secretary W. J. Bradley and some twenty brethren from Durham Lodge I visited Orono. The visit was disappointing in that owing to illness many of the officers were unable to be present and no work was performed. Another visit took place on June 19th, 1925, the work of the evening being the first degree. Wor. Bro. Smith and officers performed their duties well, although I did take the opportunity to suggest that they work together more in united practices and also make more frequent visits to other lodges from which much benefit is to be derived.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 32, Bowmanville.—My visit to Jerusalem was on Feb. 11th, 1925, I was again accompanied by a goodly number of my local brethren. The weather was anything but agreeable, yet despite the inclemency, an exceptional large attendance was present. The Wor. Master, Col. Lorne McLaughlin, is to be congratulated on his officers, particularly his secretary, Wor. Bro. Annison, who is the soul of order and method and who takes care that all work pertaining to his office is most punctiliously performed. The work of the evening was the first degree and was exemplified in a most pleasing and creditable manner. The absence of Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred Hoar was noted. On Apr. 8th, 1925 I again visited this lodge in my private capacity to hear Most Wor. Bro. Col. Ponton of Belleville speak on "The Arches of Empire." He delivered a very stirring and splendid address. I have heard the Most Worshipful Brother on several occasions and I believe that the Craft does not contain a more learned, eloquent and gifted orator than himself.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope.—My visit to Hope Lodge was on March 6th, 1925, when they conferred the first degree most efficiently. The lecture by

C. S. Hambly, Junior Warden particularly pleased me, seldom have I heard it so feelingly delivered. There were four Past District Deputies present, among whom was my predecessor Rt. Wor. Bro. Wormington of Cobourg.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle.—I was officially introduced to my mother lodge by Wor. Bro. Couch, director of ceremonies. The second degree was the work of the evening and the officers exhibited a splendid degree of efficiency. Being at home, I was prepared to speak very plainly about their sins of omission and commission, but this privilege was denied me as they took good pains to insure that little criticism was possible. Previously the officers of Durham have not visited freely and there is no doubt that accompanying me in such splendid force throughout the year has been very beneficial to them in their work. The entertainment committee composed of Bros. Montgomery, Britton and Howard Cooke surpassed themselves on this occasion. The programme presented brought to light much hitherto unrecognized talent, musical, elocutionary and otherwise. Truly, the spirit of true brotherhood exhibited toward me by those of my own lodge has been as sunshine to my soul.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby.—The date of this visit was April 3rd, 1925. I was most graciously introduced to the lodge by Rt. Wor. Bros. Avery and Lawlor. The third degree was conferred in a manner impressive both to the candidate and the brethren in general of whom there was a very large attendance. Composite is in every respect one of the really efficient lodges of the District. It was with great regret that I was obliged to announce that this was the last occasion on which Bro. Montgomery, District Secretary, would accompany me, as he had received notice of his pending transfer to Lakefield, Ont.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope.—My visit to Ontario Lodge was on April 17th, 1925, I was cordially introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Robertson and Bro. Yates, Chaplain of the lodge. Wor. Bro. Findlay and his officers are well skilled and their handling of the second degree was good. The candidate on this occasion ex-



hibited a most commendable appreciation of the ceremony.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa.—On April 28th, 1925 I visited this lodge accompanied by almost the entire membership of Durham. The work of the evening was the first degree and Wor. Bro. Wilson and his officers are word perfect. Worshipful Bro. Henry, seventy-six years young, gave the charge to the newly initiated candidate very excellently indeed. The candidate could not fail to be greatly impressed. From the standpoint of attendance this was the most successful meeting of the year, and I might mention that there were five Past District Deputies present.

Colborne, Lodge, No. 91.—Accompanied by Wor. Bros. J. A. Butler, M.D., Jackson Dudley and Couch I visited Colborne on May 12th, 1925. Colborne has beautifully furnished rooms and their officers are most efficient. A clergyman of the Anglican Faith was passed to the second degree. It is always a great pleasure to me to find our spiritual leaders associating themselves with the craft. I was also very much delighted with the choir which was assisted by a violin accompaniment.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin.—I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on June 2nd, 1925 in company with Bro. General John Hughes of Bowmanville. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. James Moore introduced me to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren in his own inimitable, genial way. Zion Lodge is greatly to be congratulated in the possession of such a well skilled brother to whom they can always look for guidance, assistance and instruction. Despite the extreme heat of the evening the work of the second degree was very gratifying indeed. I believe this is the only lodge in the district owning their quarters and these are neat and attractive in every particular.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, may I add that I believe the year has been one of progress, harmony and profit and if our increase in membership has not been large it only tends to show that we are guarding well our portals.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

W. F. RICKARD,

D.D.G.M. Ontario District.



## OTTAWA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Ottawa District, for the year 1924-1925.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the great honor they conferred upon me in unanimously electing me as their D.D.G.M. also for their loyal support and co-operation during my tenure of office; and the courteous receptions tendered to me throughout the District, which I have always regarded as a manifestation of the devotion and loyalty of the various lodges to the Grand Lodge. Especially am I thankful to those Past Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, and Past Masters, who have rendered valuable counsel and advice, or accompanied me during my visits, and assisted me in the various ceremonies. Space does not permit the naming of all, but I feel I should mention R.W. Bros. Shanks, McPhail, McKee, V.W. Bro. J. Munro, W. Bros. C. Olmsted, W. A. Smith, W. Eastwood, J. A. Ross, and G. McGill. Also may I here express my appreciation to W. Bro. T. R. Browne, of the Builders' Lodge, for his kindness in personally conveying me in his car, on all of my visits to the rural lodges in this vicinity.

I officially visited all of the 27 lodges which comprise the District, once, and some oftener. With one exception all of my official inspections were made at the regular meetings, and in every instance the W.M. and his Wardens were present, and a degree worked. Of these 27 lodges, 20 worked the first degree, while 4 submitted the third degree for my inspection.

As regards the city lodges the 1st degree appears to be given the preference on the regular meetings; leaving the third for emergent meetings. May I suggest a change in this procedure, that is, that the third degree be worked occasionally during the year at a regular meeting. By this

means it would give many brethren an opportunity to witness this degree, as there is always a better attendance at the regular meetings.

During my different inspections I have endeavored to make any criticisms, that I deemed were necessary to offer, of such a nature as would be instructive and constructive, rather than destructive; and I have been led to hope that they have been received by the brethren in the same friendly spirit in which they were extended to them.

Early in September I called a conference of the Wor. Masters and Wardens of the Ottawa and Suburban Lodges, when many topics of interest relating to lodge work, the constitution, and the craft in general, were discussed. Subsequent conferences were also held; all of which I feel were productive of much good. I also held a Class of Instruction for the Officers of the City and Suburban lodges, for the rehearsal of the work of the degrees.

The Past Masters' Association held a series of Sunday afternoon meetings, during the winter, in the Temple at Ottawa; at which addresses, historical, symbolical, and other interesting subjects, were delivered by competent brethren. These meetings were all well attended and appreciated.

I appointed W. Bro. Rev. L. Jefferson, Rideau Lodge, No. 595, Ottawa, District Chaplain.

During the year the Ottawa Temple Choir was formed. This organization is composed of brethren residing in Ottawa and Suburbs; and under the direction of Bro. C. J. L. Rickwood has done much to augment and encourage lodge music in this locality. During my inspections I noted a lamentable absence of music in most of the rural lodges.

As to the condition of Masonry in this District, I feel confident in saying, that the lodges appear prosperous, yet there has been a noticeable falling off in admissions during the past year. However, the enthusiasm of officers and brethren still prevails, and conditions throughout appear satisfactory. The officers

of almost all the lodges are able to put on the degree work as it should be. Some however have not shown as high a degree of excellence as might be desired, but a sincere effort has been made by all to carry out the work impressively. I might suggest that perhaps a little laxity is shown, by some "Boards of Installed Masters," in the examination of the W.M. elect. More study might with profit be given to the constitution.

I have found the secretaries of lodges capable in the performance of their duties.

### Dedications

Carp Lodge, No. 465, Carp. By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, I had the honor to Dedicate this lodge on Nov. 7th, assisted by a large number of Past Grand Lodge Officers, Wor. Masters, and Past Masters, in the presence of a large attendance of members of the lodge, and brethren from Ottawa and the surrounding district. I also had the honor to represent the M.W. the Grand Master in the Dedication of the Westboro Masonic Temple on December 13th. In this instance I was also supported by a large number of P.G. Lodge Officers, W. Masters, and P.Ms. There was also a very large assembly of the craft in attendance during the ceremony.

The craft in Westboro have now a building of which they may be justly proud, and to W. Bro. W. Abra must be given great praise for his efforts in bringing about the consummation of this undertaking.

### Lodge of Instruction

A District Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic Hall, Renfrew, on May 22nd, under a dispensation to Renfrew Lodge, No. 122. A large number of the brethren were present from the different parts of the District.

The three degrees were exemplified, using a substitute candidate in each instance. By this method it was possible to criticise or offer instruction, when necessary, at any stage of the work.

The lodge was opened in the 1st degree, at 2.15 p.m. by W. Master H. Young, and officers of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, who then handed over to W. Master J. D. Callan and officers of Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp; who exemplified the 1st degree. W. Bro. Milligan and staff from Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, then exemplified the 2nd degree, closed to the 1st, and handed over to Renfrew Lodge. The lodge was then "called off" when the brethren of Renfrew provided a splendid supper for all. After refreshment Renfrew Lodge "called on," and after distinguished brethren were formally received, handed over to Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, who exemplified the 3rd degree with full musical ritual. Discussions were held after each degree and a general discussion at the close. Instruction was also given during the meeting, regarding a "Board of Installed Masters". Finally Renfrew Lodge closed in the three degrees. All the lodges performed their several duties most credible. To Renfrew Lodge great praise is due for their great work in the care of the details of arrangements for this function.

### Installations

I conducted the Installation of Officers of 8 lodges, and assisted in this ceremony, at 2 lodges.

### Masonic Clothing.

There appears to be a growing inclination on the part of many brethren, after "clothing" themselves, to button their coats over their apron, completely hiding it, or at most leaving a small part showing.

I noticed in one of the city lodges a number of the officers, a warden included, wearing the white cotton emergent apron.

This practice is not commendable.

In the death of M.W. Bro. W. R. White, who died on March 23rd, Pembroke Lodge lost an old and highly esteemed brother, and the Grand Lodge a faithful attendant.

### Inspection

Enterprise Lodge, No. 516, Beachburg.—I made my official visit to this lodge on October 6th. There was a



fairly good attendance of the members. A large delegation from Pembroke Lodge was present, including R.W. Bro. Dr. Josephs, W. Bro. Miller, W.M., and W. Bros. W. F. Garrow, C. W. Fraser W. Markus and others.

W. Bro. Collins and his officers conferred the second degree in a satisfactory manner. At my request the lodge was raised to the third degree. I imparted certain instructions regarding the uniformity in the penalties, and signs of each degree, etc.

The secretary's books were a model of neatness.

An excellent banquet was provided in the large Community Hall on the ground floor, which was also attended by the wives, sisters and lady friends of the brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place.—My visit of inspection was made on Oct. 10th. I was accompanied by R.W. Bros. M. R. MacFarlane, Almonte, and T. S. Church, Arnprior; V.W. Bro. A. H. Edwards, and W. Bro. J. A. Ross, Ottawa.

The work of the evening was the third degree which was credibly done by W.M. A. McFadden. The absence of music however was greatly felt. I availed myself of the opportunity to instruct the brethren regarding the penalties, and other necessary instruction.

This lodge has the records of its meetings from 1842-43, the year of its inception under Irish Register.

The lodge is fortunate in having a large and well furnished lodge room with reading and recreation rooms adjoining.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa.—On Oct. 28th I visited this lodge accompanied by R.W. Bros. Wm. Northwood, W. Ross, T. Shanks, E. S. MacPhail and A. H. McKee; V.W. Bro. W. H. Sproule, and V.W. Bro. Bell, P.G.D. of C. Liverpool, Eng., also a large number of Ruling Masters and P.Ms.

There was a very large attendance of brethren and P.Ms. This was my first visit of inspection to the Ottawa City Lodges. The first degree was creditably



worked; the J.Ws. lecture being particularly well delivered, and in an impressive manner. I offered some constructive criticism regarding the work on the whole, which appeared to be agreeably received by the brethren.

The charge was well given by the I.P.M. On behalf of the lodge, I presented W. Bro. Wm. Gray with a P.Ms. jewel. The usual banquet followed which was favored by the initial appearance of the Ottawa Temple Choir.

On Jan. 27th, I installed the officers of this lodge, when there was the largest attendance which I have seen on such an occasion. I was favorably impressed with the enthusiasm of the brethren.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.— I made my official inspection of this lodge on Nov. 3rd, when I was most cordially welcomed. There were present R.W. Bros. T. S. Church, Arnprior; David Barr and H. Cox, Renfrew; W. Bros. J. Reeves, and Boland, Eganville. There was also a good attendance of brethren.

I was present during the transaction of the lodge business which was conducted with system and despatch.

The third degree was worked in an acceptable manner, the absence of music however, was noticeably felt. The candidate showed remarkable proficiency and I have rarely witnessed such excellence in a candidate with respect to his work. On the completion of the work I offered some constructive criticism in general, which was received in good form.

A district lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of this lodge on May 22nd, when W. Bro. H. Young, the W.M., and his officers were indefatigable in their efforts, which contributed in such a large measure to the success of the meeting, and which I duly appreciate.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa.—My official visit was made on Nov. 18th, when I was most graciously presented and cordially received, and greeted by a large attendance of the brethren, the East being graced by a large turnout of the Past Masters of the lodge.

The work of the W.M. and his office bearers was good, and the first degree impressively and modestly conferred; the Junior Wardens' lecture being worthy of favorable mention. In the absence of the Junior Deacon, the duties of that office were performed by the Senior Deacon. Under the directorship of Bro. Perry, assisted by W. Bro. Butler, the music was of a high order, and lent much to the impressiveness of the occasion. I presented a P.Ms. jewel to W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald the I.P.M.

I was also present at a P.Ms. night Feb. 16th, at which R.W. Bro. H. W. Wilson presided. On June 16th I had the pleasure of assisting R.W. Bro. Davidson in the Installation of the W.M.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 560, Ottawa.—Inspected on Dec. 4th, On this occasion I was accompanied by a large deputation of distinguished Rulers of the Craft. There was a good attendance, with many visitors also present. The work of the first degree was well done by the W.M. and his officers. Every officer was present and in his place. Wor. Master McGill was particularly thorough and correct in the details of the work, and conferred the degree in an able manner. On my request the lodge was raised to the third degree, when I instructed the brethren with respect to uniformity of penalties, signs, etc., in the several degrees.

The charge in the first degree was given by W. Bro. E. Taylor in his usual excellent manner. It is customary however, for the I.P.M. to perform this duty. It gave me much pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, to present a beautiful P.Ms. jewel to the I.P.M. W. Bro. Nunnick.

With the able assistance of R.W. Bro. MacPhail, I conducted the Installation of officers on June 18th. On this occasion it was my good fortune to present, on behalf of the lodge, a beautiful P.Ms. jewel, to the retiring W.M., W. Bro. G. McGill.

The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa.—My official inspection of this lodge was made Dec. 12th.

There was a large attendance of the Brethren with a great many Past Masters also present. The first degree was conferred by the W.M. and his officers creditably.

A section of the Temple Choir contributed splendidly to the musical part of the ceremony. I was particularly pleased to be the medium, through whom the lodge did honor to their I.P.M., W. Bro. T. R. Browne, in the presentation to him of a P.Ms. jewel. At the meeting which followed an inspiring address was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. M. S. Rice of Detroit, Mich., which held the attention of the large gathering throughout.

I was also present at a P.M's. night, April 10th, when W. Bro. A. W. Huband, a P.M. of 30 years service in the lodge, presided at the conferring of the 2nd degree. On June 12th, assisted by R.W. Bro. McKee, I conducted the Installation of Officers. This was a fine and enthusiastic meeting with a very large attendance.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 564, Ottawa.—This lodge was visited on Jan. 3rd, when I was attended by R.W. Bro. McKee, V.W. Bro. J. Munro, and a number of other Rulers in the Craft. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. W. A. Smith, and his officers. The attention given to details, by the officers, in their various duties, contributed much to the efficiency of the work. The musical part of the ceremony was also good.

On behalf of the lodge I had great pleasure in presenting a P.M's. jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. W. E. Gowling, a very deserving recipient. I installed the officers of this lodge on June 6th. The affairs of the lodge are in good condition.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, Jan. 6th.—I was greeted with an exceptionally good attendance of the brethren on the occasion of my Official Inspection; among whom I recognized many of the old members of the lodge. It was gratifying also to see a good attendance of the P.Ms. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, V.W. Bro. John Munro, and a large number of Ruling Masters, and Past Masters.

This is my Mother Lodge, and the eloquence and sincerity of my presentation at the hands of R.W. Bro. J. R. Reid, the warmth of the welcome extended to me by the Wor. Master; and the great reception accorded me by my brethren, on this my appearance among them in

my official capacity, was such as to deeply impress me, and will never be effaced from my memory.

The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. C. Olmsted and his officers in a manner which reflected much credit upon them. On behalf of the lodge I presented a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. P. Holmes, the I.P.M.

I conducted the Installation of Officers on June 24th, in which I was assisted by R.W. Bro. A. H. McKee. I also had the pleasant duty to Install W. Bro. C. Olmsted as W.M. at the September Meeting. This was a deferred Installation, owing to Bro. Olmsted's illness at the "stated time" for Installation.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior.—On Jan 12th I officially visited this lodge, accompanied by V.W. Bro. John Munro; W. Bro. H. Dempsey; W.M. of Chaudiere Lodge; and Bro. L. McKenna, all of Ottawa. There was a good attendance of Brethren, but a dearth of Past Masters.

The serious illness of R.W. Bro. T. S. Church was very much regretted, and his consequent absence from the lodge was felt. The W.M., W. Bro. Laughlin, is an earnest and enthusiastic officer, but had very little support from the Past Masters, there being only one P.M. of the lodge present on this occasion. The work under inspection was the third degree, the want of music was much felt. Instruction was given to the officers and brethren, by myself, regarding the penalties, signs and other necessary details to be observed in the several openings and closings. The secretary's work is an example of neatness and accuracy. Refreshments were afterwards served and a very enjoyable social hour was spent.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 6th. This meeting had a good attendance of the brethren and Past Masters of the lodge. Attended by R.W. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane; V.W. Bro. J. C. Reeve, Grand Steward; W. Bro. Oliver and other P.Ms. I was given a cordial reception on my admission. The first degree was worked in a capable manner by the W.M. and his officers. The J.W.'s lecture was particularly well delivered and worthy of commendation.



This lodge has a splendid choir, and the excellence of the music on this occasion was impressive, and rarely excelled. The lodge was also opened and closed in the three degrees for the purpose of instruction in the several penalties and signs. A very pleasant social hour was afterwards spent. An enthusiastic gathering.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa.—On Feb. 10th my official inspection was made, accompanied by a large number of Past Grand Lodge Officers, Ruling Masters, and Past Masters; when I was most graciously presented and accorded a splendid reception. There was a large attendance of the Brethren with all officers present and in their places. The work was the third degree and was impressively conferred with full musical ritual. The floor work of the Deacons was excellent throughout. Rarely have I seen two Deacons as well mated, and work as well together. This is the only lodge, among the City lodges, that worked the third degree on the occasion of my official inspections.

The reputation for the high class of music, which this lodge has always enjoyed, is being fully maintained under the directorship of their organist, W. Bro. J. Bearder. On Dec. 27th, with the able assistance of R.W. Bro. Shanks I installed the officers of the lodge.

Rideau Lodge, No. 595, Ottawa.—My visit of Inspection was made on Feb. 12th when I received a very cordial reception, and was greeted by a good attendance of the brethren.

The first degree was worked in a creditable manner. The candidate was a brother of the Wor. Master. The J. Warden's lecture was well delivered and worthy of special mention. It afforded me much pleasure to present a P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the lodge, to the I.P. M., W. Bro. Rev. R. Jefferson. At the banquet which followed a very pleasing and instructive address on Japan, was given by Bro. Maj. General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Assisted by R.W. Bro. McKee, I installed the officers of the lodge on Jan. 8th. This is the youngest lodge in the District, and is making good strides in Masonic advancements. It has a high average attendance, and no arrears of dues of over 12 months.



I also visited this lodge on May 14th when Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, made them a fraternal visit.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa.—Feb. 27th. Attended by a deputation of the "Rulers in the Craft", I officially visited this lodge, when I was most cordially received. There was a good attendance, with a well filled East. The first degree was conferred. The work was good, as was also the music of the choir. The Past Master's charge was given in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Low. It is customary however, when this charge is not given by the W.M., that the I.P.M. should perform this duty. In this instance the practice was not observed. On behalf of the lodge, I had the honor to present a P.M.'s jewel, to W. Bro. W. Macdonald, who replied in very pleasing terms. An enjoyable social hour was afterwards spent at the usual banquet.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.—On March 5th this lodge was visited, when a splendid reception was accorded me. A good attendance of the brethren greeted me, with many Past Masters gracing the East. I was present during the transaction of lodge business which was conducted with despatch. The 1st degree was submitted for my inspection. The work of the W.M. was excellent, and the degree well put on, the J.W.'s lecture being also worthy of commendation. The floor work was somewhat weak. This lodge has one of the best choirs in the District, the music on this occasion being especially good.

A splendid banquet followed, at which M.W. Bro. W. R. White, (for more than 50 years a "Ruler in the Craft") presided as Toastmaster, in his characteristic pleasing and witty manner. It was only a few days later that our M.W. Bro. was suddenly stricken, and passed to the Grand Lodge above. At the District Lodge of Instruction, held at Renfrew on May 22nd, Pembroke Lodge exemplified the 3rd degree with full musical ritual, their work being rarely excelled, and not often equalled. Much credit is due W. Bro. Bailey, the W.M., and W. Bro. Garrow who assisted him, as well as to the choir whose music was indeed inspiring.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden.—This lodge was visited on March 10th. A large deputation from Pem-

broke was present, as were also Brethren from Beachburg and Eganville. The work of the 2nd degree was not quite up to the standard expected. In a friendly way I pointed out to them their shortcomings in the work, and offered such instruction as I deemed opportune; which I felt was received by them in a true Masonic spirit. There is a splendid type of brethren in this lodge. I was much gratified with the good representation from this lodge at the Dist. Lodge of Instruction.

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, No. 558, Ottawa.—Accompanied by a number of Past Grand Lodge Officers, Ruling Masters, and Past Masters, I officially inspected this lodge on March 25th.

There was a large attendance of the members. The first degree was conferred; and the lodge also raised to the 3rd degree, when there was an exemplification of an examination of a Master Mason. The work on the whole was creditably done by the W.M. and his officers, with an inclination however, towards weakness in floor work. In the charge of the first degree, by W. Bro. H. Hardy, there was an excellent demonstration of impressive work; well worthy of emulation. On behalf of the lodge, I presented a P.M.'s jewel to this Wor. Brother. The music of the choir was of a very high class, contributing greatly to the impressiveness of the work.

Defenders Lodge, No. 590, Ottawa. Accompanied by a very large deputation of Past Grand Lodge Officers, Ruling Masters, and Past Masters; I made my official visit on April 1st, and received a most cordial reception. The work under inspection was the first degree, which the W.M. conferred in a creditable manner. In the absence of the Inner Guard, that officer's duty was well carried out by one of the junior officers.

The P.M.'s charge was delivered by W. Bro. R. M. Stewart in his usual excellent form. The choir was exceptionally good.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa.—April 3rd I was accorded a splendid reception on my official visit of inspection to this fine old lodge. There was a large attendance, with the East well filled with P.M.'s of the lodge. The work of the first degree was well done and

worthy of commendation. In the absence of the I.P.M. Wor. Bro. Eastwood gave the charge in an excellent manner. The lodge was also raised to the 3rd degree, and an examination of a Master Mason was exemplified by R.W. Bro. MacPhail in his usual able and gracious manner. On behalf of the lodge, I presented a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. W. A. Armstrong. This was a most enjoyable and enthusiastic meeting of the lodge.

Ionic Lodge, No. 526, Westboro.—On April 8th, I officially visited this lodge. There was an overcrowded attendance of Brethren from Westboro and Ottawa lodges, leaving little room for floor work. This was the first function of this nature to be held in their new Temple Building. The work of the officers in the first degree was not up to the standard expected. The Ottawa Temple Choir furnished the music which was impressive. The Deacons had exchanged offices for the occasion; the Senior performing the duties of the Junior Deacon. In this respect I might say that if an officer is not prepared to carry out his duties on an official inspection, then, in the interest of the lodge and the Craft, he should resign his office; or the lodge should ensure that he is not further advanced. "A good Deacon may not have the necessary qualifications for a good Master, but a poor Deacon will never make a good Master." I had the pleasure on behalf of the lodge to present W. Bro. W. Abra with a P.Ms. jewel.

Acacia Lodge, No. 561, Westboro.—April 24th, I made my official inspection of this lodge. On this occasion I was honored with the company of R.W. Bro. R. K. Edey, D.D.G.M., of Ottawa District, Grand Lodge of Quebec. There were also present many Past Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Jurisdictions of Ontario and Quebec, with a large number of Ruling and Past Masters. There was a large attendance, and I was most cordially and warmly welcomed. All officers were reported present and in their places. The first degree was conferred, the work on the whole was good and worthy of favorable comment. I offered a few criticisms of a constructive nature which appeared to be agreeably received by the officers. The music under Bro. Mason's direction was excellent. I had the pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the lodge, to W. Bro.

W. A. Dier. A most enjoyable hour was spent around the "Festive Board," with speech and song of a high order. The Toast to Grand Lodge was ably proposed by R. W. Bro. E. Clarke, P. D. D. G. M., Quebec Register.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond.—This lodge was visited May 5th. There was a good attendance of the members and P. Ms., as well as a large number of visiting brethren from Ottawa, Westboro, Carp and Hazeldean. All the officers were present. The lodge having had only one admission during the year, consequently there was no candidate for degrees. I requested that a substitute be used, whereupon the first degree was exemplified, with musical ritual, which added much to the work. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, when the examination of a Master Mason was also exemplified. The work was creditably done by the W. M. and his officers. The work of the Junior Deacon and Inner Guard being worthy of special mention. The charge, which was well delivered, was given by W. Bro. Hemphill, instead of by the I. P. M., as is customary. On the whole this lodge passed a good inspection. The lodge room is well furnished and neatly kept. The Secretary is a good officer and his books are well kept. An historic lodge, more than 102 years old.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp. May 8th. This was the date on which I made my official inspection. I was accompanied by R. W. Bros. E. S. MacPhail and T. S. Church; V. W. Bros. A. Reid, and J. C. Reeve, with a large number of Ruling and Past Masters, and Brethren from Ottawa, Arnprior, Almonte, Hazeldean, and Richmond. The lodge room was crowded, almost beyond its capacity, being the largest attendance which I have witnessed in any lodge in the rural district on similar occasions. The work of the first degree was performed in an able manner, the W. M.'s work was excellent. The officers of this lodge also exemplified the first degree at the Dist. Lodge of Instruction, at Renfrew, and discharge their several duties most creditably. The lodge has a very capable secretary. A very fine gathering of the brethren and their ladies assembled, after the close of the lodge, in the Carp Memorial Hall, where a splendid banquet and entertainment were provided. On Nov. 7th, on behalf of the M. W. the Grand Master, I dedicated



this lodge in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren, of the lodge, and from Ottawa and the surrounding district.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell. May 11th. This lodge was inspected on the above date. I was accompanied by V.W. Bro. W. H. Sproule; W. Bros. T. R. Browne, J. A. Ross, W. D. Warwick, C. Olmsted, E. Taylor, P. Tilley, and many other brethren from Ottawa. There was a good attendance of the members of the lodge.

The first degree was under inspection, which was satisfactorily worked, although several of the regular officers were absent, having left the jurisdiction, necessitating a number of substitutes. The lodge was also raised to the 3rd degree, when I took the opportunity to impart certain instruction regarding uniformity in the signs, wording of the penalties, etc. Under W. Bro. Shepherd's capable rulership a marked improvement and interest in the lodge was apparent; with an improved attendance of P.Ms. at the regular meetings. A pleasant social hour was spent after the close of the lodge.

Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517, Hazeldean.—On June 3rd I officially visited this lodge. There was a small attendance of members, but a large attendance of visiting brethren from Ottawa, Westboro, Carp and Richmond.

The first degree was exemplified on a substitute candidate. The candidate depended upon for the occasion failed to present himself, much to the disappointment of the W.M. The W.M., Wor. Bro. Riddell lent good expression to his work, and on the whole the degree was put on in a capable manner. The charge was well given by the I.P.M., W. Bro. J. G. McGuire. The secretary's books were well kept. The lodge room was well furnished and neatly kept.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower. June 5th. Accompanied by V.W. Bro. J. Munro, and W. Bros. Olmsted, Browne, Knox and Bateman from Ottawa, I made my official visit on the above date. The attendance was small owing to the excessive heat wave passing over the province at the time. It was gratifying to see a number of P.Ms. of the lodge present. The work of the first degree was very creditably done by



the W.M., ably supported by his officers. A social and profitable hour was afterwards spent at refreshment. I was much impressed with the earnestness and sincerity of the W.M. and can bespeak good work for the lodge under his rule. The secretary's work is in the hands of an experienced Past Master.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville. On June 8th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. McKee of Ottawa, I made my official visit to this lodge. Deputations were present from Pembroke, Cobden and Renfrew, among whom were W. Bros. Bailey, Markus and Fraser, of Pembroke, and W. Bros. H. Young and H. MacDonald of Renfrew. There was not a very large attendance of the members, but a number of visitors were present. The second degree was under inspection. The work of the W.M. was not up to the standard expected. He could with profit give much closer study to degree work.

The charge was well and impressively given by W. Bro. Boland.

In conclusion I desire to again convey to the brethren of the District my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses shown me during my official year. I bespeak for my successor the same cordial assistance which was so cheerfully extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. McCLEERY,

D.D.G.M. Ottawa District.

**PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT**

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour herewith to submit the second annual report on the condition of Masonry in the Peterborough District for the year 1924-1925.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master on Friday October 3rd, 1924, attended a Reunion Meeting of his mother lodge, Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, and on that occasion installed me into the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Peterborough District. I had not been able to attend the installation ceremony at the regular communication of Grand Lodge in Toronto in July.

I esteem it a great honor, indeed, to have served during the past year as a corps-commander under the generalship of one who has honored me with his friendship since the year 1893 when we first met as colleagues on the staff of the Peterborough Collegiate Institute.

The Reunion Meeting of Peterborough Lodge was a great success. Over 50 non-resident members from far and near came back on that occasion to renew old friendships and to recall the days when they were within a cabletow's length of their Mother Lodge. The Third Degree was well exemplified by the officers of the lodge assisted by several well skilled Pastmasters. The after meeting was a delightful function. The chair was ably filled by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master who at the same time responded to the pleasure of all, to the toast of Grand Lodge. The speeches were of a high order. Special mention might be made of the toast to the Absent Brethren, proposed by Bro. (Rev.) Harold Young. Bro. F. H. Dobbin, the secretary and Wor. Bro. R. L. Dobbin, the Master—father and son—are to be congratulated on the success of their united efforts in making the arrangements for this memorable Reunion.

My first official act was to appoint Rt. Wor. Bro. R. C. Blaggrave, District Chaplain, and V.W. Bro. E. Bruce Fowler, District Secretary.

On Tuesday, October the 7th, I paid an official visit to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford. It was the sixty-fourth anniversary of the formation of this flourishing lodge. The E.A. Degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. G. A. Kingston, the able Master of the lodge, and his assistant officers. The lodge room was filled to capacity with members and visitors. The Fourth Degree was a decided success. The members of Golden Rule Lodge are to be congratulated on their splendid quarters. The lodge room, banquet hall, club rooms, etc., are all that could be desired. Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Bonnycastle is the efficient secretary of the lodge, and the brethren are greatly indebted to him for his invaluable services.

On Nov. 27th, I accepted the invitation of the Worshipful Master of Peterborough Lodge to join the members of that lodge in paying a fraternal visit to University Lodge, Toronto. The E.A. Degree was exemplified by the officers of Peterborough Lodge in a very creditable manner. Special mention might be made of the Charge in the Book of Constitution given by Bro. Cuffe, one of the youngest members of the Lodge, and the lecture given at the North East Angle by Rt. Wor. Harry Rush, the veteran Pastmaster of Peterborough Lodge, who D. V. will celebrate on December 27th next the fiftieth anniversary of his installation as Worshipful Master of Peterborough Lodge.

On December 1st I had the pleasure of installing the Worshipful Master and investing the officers of Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, the youngest lodge in the District. This lodge did me the honor of electing me its first Master eleven years ago, which office I held for two years. The Grand Secretary, Rt. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, kindly assisted in the Installation Ceremonies and during the social hour delighted the brethren with his inimitable stories and thoughtful address on Grand Masters, Past and Present.

On December 22nd I had the pleasure of accompanying the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to Norwood to take part in the Installation Ceremonies in connection with Norwood Lodge, No. 223. Rt. Wor. Bro. Squires was the Installing Master and did his work

exceedingly well. A pleasing event of the evening was an able address given by the Grand Master's brother, who resides on the old Drope homestead near Campbellford.

On Dec. 23rd, I again had the honour of being with the Most Wor. the Grand Master at Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock, and took part in the Installation Ceremonies. Wor. Bro. Lancaster was Installing Master and he and his assistants performed their duties in a most efficient manner. The Grand Master delivered a splendid address, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren present.

On Monday April 6th, I visited Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 523. The E.A. Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Miller and his officers in a most efficient manner. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition. The work is always well done. The Fourth Degree is held at 6.30. The secretary's books are models of accuracy and neatness.

On Friday, May 1st I visited Peterborough lodge, No. 155 and saw the E.A. Degree exemplified in a faultless manner. This is the largest lodge in the District. Wor. Bro. W. Campbell is a skilled craftsman and is assisted by able junior officers. The membership is now 340. It might be for the good of Masonry in Peterborough if some of the able Past Masters of this lodge seriously considered the formation of a new lodge.

On Monday, May 4th, I visited Havelock Lodge, No. 435, and was delighted with the manner in which the M.M. Degree was exemplified. The Lodge has a well merited reputation for correct work and unbounded hospitality. Bro. H. F. McNichol is an efficient secretary and the genial I.P.M., Wor. Bro. T. P. Lancaster, is a tower of strength to Masonry in Havelock.

On Tuesday, May 5th, I visited Clementi Lodge, No. 313, and saw the F.C. Degree exemplified in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. Milburn is a good presiding officer. The veteran secretary of the lodge, V.W. Bro. A. E. Kennedy ably assists in the work. V.W. Bro. (Dr.) J. R. Fraser takes a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge and is of great assistance at all times. I also had a pleasurable visit to Clementi Lodge in No-



vember, 1924, when Wor. Bro. (Dr. ) J. C. Smith was in the East.

On Thursday, May 7th, I visited J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook, and saw the F.C. Degree well exemplified by the Wor. Master and officers of this lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. A. Smith and Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas. Thorndyke take a great interest in J. B. Hall Lodge and knowing this I was not surprised at the work being well done.

On Friday, May 15th, I visited my mother lodge, Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and saw the M.M. Degree exemplified. The work was exceedingly well done. This lodge is well officered. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Couper, is a fine ritualist and has his assistant officers working with accuracy and snap. Corinthian Lodge is having a good year and her prospects for the immediate future are bright. At the Fourth Degree Wor. Bro. F. L. Roy gave an illustrated talk on "Hunting and Fishing in our Own Backyard." This was both entertaining and instructive.

On June 1st, I paid an official visit to Norwood Lodge, No. 223. A very severe thunderstorm accompanied with a deluge of rain kept some of the brethren away. As the candidate failed to put in appearance there was no work. However we had an enjoyable social hour together around tables dimly lighted with candles, as the storm had put the electric lighting system out of commission. Norwood has some able pastmasters, but for some reason or other they are not being supported by the rank and file of the membership. Wor. Bro. J. Fred Pearce is an able secretary, and the Worshipful Master, C. P. Plant left a favorable impression with me. The lodge lacks enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, I met a warm reception on paying a visit to Percy Lodge, No. 161. The thermometer in the lodge room registered over 90 although an electric fan had been installed. There was a large turn-out of the members and several visitors were present. Two candidates received the E.A. Degree. The work was very well put on, indeed. The musical part of the ritual reflected great credit on those who took part. Percy Lodge has an enthusiastic membership and is doing splendid work.



Thursday, June 4th, was another hot night. This was the night I visited Keene Lodge, No. 374. This is the smallest lodge in the Peterborough District. Keene Lodge has had a good year and the prospects for the future are bright. Wor. Bro. Campbell, the W.M. of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, was my escort on this occasion. His father had been W.M. of Keene Lodge many years ago. The portraits on the walls of the lodge room were all familiar to him and brought back recollections of his boyhood days. The supper was an enjoyable affair. There were about 15 of us seated around 3 tables. Delicious coffee prepared by the practised hand of Wor. Bro. R. J. McCamus. No set speeches. Informal talk and reminiscent stories until midnight. The members of a small lodge seem to get closer together. Fraternal intercourse means a good deal to them.

In conclusion I may say that the condition of Masonry in the Peterborough District is good. Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Bonnycastle, my predecessor in office, was a splendid D.D.G.M. and did good work. The District Past Masters' Association which he was instrumental in forming is functioning well. On Thursday, July 9th, the Masons of the District together with their wives and families are to have a picnic at the Serpent Mound near Keene and are expecting to have a good time.

I have enjoyed the year's work very much. The representative of the Grand Master was everywhere enthusiastically received. Any criticism I had to make was received in the proper spirit. The work in the lodge rooms was uniformly well done. The social side of Masonry is not being neglected. The after meeting everywhere was an enjoyable function. I gave various talks on Masonic subjects and found the brethren anxious to draw aside the veil and become acquainted with the mysteries within. I have formed many new friendships and thank the brethren of the Peterborough District for the many acts of kindness shown me during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. H. KENNER,  
D.D.G.M. Peterborough District.

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, for the past Masonic year.

Allow me first to express my deep appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this district in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also to express to the brethren my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

My first duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. A. M. Thompson as District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. J. J. Mellor as District Chaplain.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to these brethren for the support and assistance so cheerfully given, and also for the capable and faithful manner in which they discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The District Chaplain accompanied me on many of my visits and delivered many instructive addresses, which added much to inspire the higher ideals of Masonry throughout the District.

### Visits

Attended Divine Service with Star in the East Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 164 at the Methodist Church on Sunday, September 28th, 1924, and enjoyed a very interesting sermon delivered by Rev. Smyth. A good attendance of the local brethren, also a few visiting brethren.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford. I visited this lodge October 6th, 1924, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Shurie, Past D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. A. M. Thompson, District Secretary; Wor. Bro. G. S. Taylor, W.M. of Star in the East Lodge, Wor. Bro. W. D. Bedell, Wor. Bro. E. L. Hubbs, Wor. Bro. D. S. Ainsworth, in all

about twenty brethren from my home lodge and I appreciated very much the presence of Bro. Rev. J. J. Mellor, District Chaplain and other brothers of Prince Edward Lodge, Tweed, Stirling, Belleville, Consecon and Lake Lodges.

I was introduced by two Past Masters and received a right royal welcome by the Worshipful Master and the brethren present.

The Worshipful Master and Officers conferred the first degree in a most satisfactory manner. I also found the secretary's books were well kept and the dues pretty well collected in. The brethren own their lodge room which is very comfortable.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed. I visited this on October 10th, 1924, and was given a hearty welcome by the brethren. There being no regular candidate for the evening they substituted. The Worshipful Master and officers exemplified the work of the first degree in a very proficient manner, the secretary's books were well kept and dues pretty well collected. The brethren own their building and have a very comfortable lodge room with dining hall below. Lodge appears to be prosperous. A large number of visitors from sister lodges were present.

On the afternoon of October 16th, 1924, a special communication of Grand Lodge was held in the City of Belleville, in the Masonic Lodge room by Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton when the Grand Lodge Officers and many Masonic brethren proceeded by motor cars to Point Anne in the Township of Thurlow where the acting Grand Master laid the corner stone of the new Union Church assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers, and after speeches by the clergymen and other talented brethren, we returned to the hall where Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling. I visited this lodge on October 16th, 1924, and was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Potts, also a Past Master of the lodge and received a hearty welcome from the Wor. Master and brethren present. The work of the evening which was the first degree was surely well done. As the officers were only installed on June 24th, they merited the praise given

them during the evening. I had the pleasure of presenting the I.P.M. with a P.M. jewel who in reply thanked Rt. Wor. Bro. Potts and brethren for their support during the year he held office. The secretary's books are well kept, very little outstanding dues and the lodge owns their building, having a very cozy lodge room with banquet room below where we enjoyed a well laden table of good things. I was again pleased to have the District Secretary with me also a number from Prince Edward lodge including the District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. J. Mellor who so ably contributed to the entertainment part, also several clergymen from other lodges in their very able and humorous addresses. I also wish to include Rt. Wor. Bro. Empey, P.G.D. of C. whose remarks were of a very high order and certainly very pleasing to all. Several brethren from Franck, Tweed, Madoc, Consecon, Star in the East and other sister lodges were present.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton. I had great pleasure in visiting United Lodge and was received and introduced in a real old Masonic way. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors from various lodges. This appears to be a very progressive and prosperous lodge and do the work in a most efficient manner, including the musical ritual by a splendid choir and have a good staff of officers. They have a nice lodge room and banquet hall and finances in good condition. This visit being made on November 4th, 1924.

On November 2nd, 1924, the members of Prince Edward District, were called upon to pay their last sad office of respect to Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Shurie, P.D.D.G. M., who passed away at his home on October 29th. To know him was to respect him.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon. I visited on November 7th, 1924. This is one of the lodges who have a large gathering on an occasion of this kind. As this was the night of election of officers, there was no degree work, but opened and closed lodge in the usual manner, this lodge has very capable officers and ranks with the best of the country lodges. The brethren have a good lodge room and are quite prosperous.



Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, was visited on November 12th, 1924, and my visit was a most pleasant one, the work was most ably exemplified by the W.M. and officers and the musical ritual made the work very interesting. There was a large number of visitors present and a most enjoyable evening was spent both at labor and refreshment. Their finances are in good shape and prospects good. Everyone seemed to enjoy this meeting.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg. I visited on December 8th, 1924, and was greeted by a large number of visitors. The work was exemplified in a good manner by the W.M. and his officers, and found Wor. Bro. Jas. Glenn still at the secretary's table which is a guarantee of work well done. The lodge seems quite prosperous.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton. I visited officially on December 11th, 1924, and was accompanied by a goodly number of brethren from Star in the East and other lodges although a very stormy night. There was a large gathering and enjoyed the work of the evening by the W.M. and officers who have a fine lodge room to exemplify the work in, and found the officers very proficient in their work. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition and a large number enjoyed their hospitality.

Moir Lodge, No. 11, Belleville. I visited on January 7th, 1925, and was accompanied by several from my home lodge. This is another lodge of this district well worthy of mention and like the other lodges here have a beautiful lodge room to confer the degrees in, also have very capable W.M. and officers to do the work. This is the oldest lodge in the district, finance and prospects good as well as their hospitality.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville. On February 5th, 1925, I visited officially and was again given a warm hearted reception by the W.M. and brethren. On this occasion there was a large number of visitors and members present. The W.M. and officers are very efficient in the conferring of degrees and also enjoyed having the musical part to add to the beauty of the work. Finance and prospects good.



Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton. I visited this lodge on February 10th, 1925, and was heartily received by the W.M. and officers and a large gathering of visitors and brethren. The work of the evening was exemplified in a very efficient manner by the Master and his Officers. This lodge is in a good healthy condition and are contemplating the building of a new Masonic Temple in the near future. They also have a good dining room and ,now how to cater to their visitors.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto. I visited this lodge on April 7th, 1925 and was heartily received. There was a number of visitors present and I enjoyed the work of the W.M. and officers on this occasion, the work being well in hand along with a good candidate made the evening a pleasant one. Finances and prospects good.

Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft. I had the pleasure to visit this lodge on May 4th, 1925, and was very cordially received by the W.M. and brethren of the lodge. There was a large number of members present including several visitors who were greatly interested in the work which was exemplified in such a fine manner. This is the youngest lodge in the district yet boasts of a membership of over 170.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc. I visited this lodge on May 5th, 1925, and on this occasion also received a most hearty welcome by the W.M., officers and brethren including a number from Belleville, Marmora, Stirling and other lodges of the district. The work of the evening was exemplified in an excellent manner leaving no opportunity for criticism. At this meeting and old member of Madoc Lodge and I believe the oldest in the district, Bro. Chas. O'Hara, was present and now in his ninety-third year, a wonderful active man for his age, and enjoys very much being able to attend lodge.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on June 1st, 1925. The officers and members of this lodge and the numerous visiting brethren gave me a very hearty welcome. This is the mother lodge of Rt. Wor. Bro. Laycock, which in a way explains the excellent manner in which the Wor. Master and officers did their work. The members con-

template enlarging and decorating their room in the near future. It is also a very prosperous lodge.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington. I visited my mother lodge on June 24th, 1925. The Worshipful Master, officers and brethren, including a large number of visitors from different parts of the district gave me a real old time welcome and by far the largest gathering our lodge has ever had. There was no degree work but the officers opened and closed in the three degrees which was done in a very perfect manner.

I also wish to express my sincere regret during my term of office of the loss to this lodge and also to this district of our late Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Shurie, Wor. Bro. J. D. Wilson, and Wor. Bro. J. B. Ruttan.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the various lodges.

I also desire to again express my thanks to the brethren of the district for their many courtesies and kindness extended to me during the year, which has been a most pleasant one and I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and friendship that has been bestowed upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. FITZGERALD,  
D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District.

## SARNIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Submitting my report on Masonry in general, and in the various lodges in Sarnia District for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1925.

Permit me to thank the lodges of the district, for the honor conferred in electing me D.D.G.M. The honor is great, but the responsibility of upholding the dignity of Masonry, and what it demands of us as citizens in a community is still greater. Its precepts are good, but an honest practice of them infinitely better.

My first official acts were to appoint Very Worshipful Bro. Johnston Vance of Inwood Lodge, District Secretary, and Right Worshipful Bro. Rev. D. Walker Collins of Sarnia, as District Chaplain.

I feel that I owe both of these brethren a debt of gratitude for assistance and co-operation, and particularly the District Secretary. A good secretary in a lodge is a key-piece to success for a Worshipful Master, and the District Secretary bears the same relationship to the D.D.G.M.

We commenced active operation by arranging with St. Paul Lodge, No. 601, for a Lodge of Instruction on Oct. 3rd, 1924.

The thanks of the District are due St. Paul Lodge for the liberal and efficient manner in which they provided for and entertained the very large turn out of the brethren from all parts of the District.

On invitation the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan attended, and favored the Brethren with a very instructive, as well as entertaining address on Masonry.

The Grand Secretary is an adept at mixing pith, pathos and humor, and as a consequence his addresses always seem too short for his audiences. A pleasing

incident was the fact, that Wor. Bro. Constable, Worshipful Master of St. Paul Lodge, was a former pupil of the Grand Secretary. A number of other addresses were given during the afternoon and evening.

Worshipful Bro. Gaunt and other officers of Petrolia Lodge No. 194, exemplified the First Degree, and did their work well.

At the evening session Worshipful Bro. W. C. Johnston of Inwood Lodge, No. 503, and his officers exemplified the second degree, and Wor. Bro. Constable and officers of St. Paul Lodge, No. 601, exemplified the third degree, both sets of officers were heartily complimented on their work.

The commodious lodge room of the Sarnia Brethren was taxed to over-flowing to seat the large number in attendance, while such a condition is conducive to enthusiasm, yet it is a handicap to any set of officers doing their work as well, as under normal conditions.

Let me make a suggestion at this point:—Would a lodge of instruction not be more conducive to the welfare of Masonry in general, and benefit to the officers of lodges in particular, to have one session for Past Masters, Masters and Wardens, and past or present officers of Grand Lodge who may be in attendance, let some well posted brother take some phase of work common to all degrees, for example the Junior Warden's work, the Senior Warden's work, Master's work, obligations, or other phases of the work that might be suggested from the experiences of officers in their home lodges. These different matters could be discussed with a freedom that for obvious reasons cannot be possible in a mixed assembly of Masons, composed of Apprentices, Fellow Craft and Master Masons, who are out for information in general, rather particular information in detail.

The other session of the Lodge of Instruction, to be devoted to the Exemplification of Degrees, talks on Masonry in general, or particular, as circumstances and available talent might warrant.

The social and fraternal element is useful and necessary in a lodge of instruction, but we need to make our

officers students as well, hence this suggestion as one method to gain the desired end.

I visited all lodges in the district, and in every case a degree was exemplified, and in nearly all an actual candidate was in attendance, this is as it should be, as officers do not appear at their best on a rehearsal. The appended tabulation gives date of visit at each lodge.

I refrain from going into detail in each case, as there is necessarily a sameness in this respect in all lodges, but results are not the same, for example, two officers may use a choice of words that are identical, but one of them is mechanical in delivery, while the other breathes into his words belief and understanding of the lessons he is trying to impress, the former has made a failure of his work, and the latter a success in as much as he has made an impression for good, that may change the whole outlook of a life.

I especially emphasized the desirability of having work correctly and impressively done, as a means of maintaining uniformity over the whole jurisdiction, as well as a training or discipline for those doing the work, and for the brethren in attendance, and, while all this is so desirable, we are not to forget that the carrying out of the lessons taught in Masonry in our intercourse with our brethren, and in our community is infinitely better. This is the substance of Masonry, ritual is only the shadow in comparison.

Attendance at all lodges except one was very satisfactory, there is a registered membership in the district of slightly over three thousand Masons, and numbers attending at times of visits approximately sixteen hundred.

The percentage of attendants as compared with membership was somewhat larger in village or rural lodges than in the larger centres, this is natural as other activities increase with population, and men's time is less their own, for example Arkona Lodge with a membership of seventy-four, had an attendance of eighty-one, I mention this case because it is unique; at a number of other lodges attendance ran from sixty to eighty per cent. of membership.



My visit to Forest Lodge, No. 263, deserves special mention as the oldest Past Master, and a Charter Member, Wor. Bro. Thomas Jones, over ninety years of age was present, hale and hearty. The charge to the newly initiated candidate was given by Wor. Bro. Jno. Fraser, upwards of eighty years of age.

Forest was my mother lodge, and I had the pleasure of meeting two of its Past Masters who spent their first school days under my care; there were upwards of one hundred brethren present.

An unusual occurrence also took place at Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs. There were fifteen Past Masters and Masters present, one third of the whole attendance.

The joint meeting of Petrolia and Washington Lodges at Petrolia, was largely attended; both lodges do good work, and are noted for their hospitality and good fellowship on all occasions of this kind. Washington officers exemplified the first degree, and did it well; we did not ask Petrolia Lodge to do any work on account of their having shown their skill so well at the Lodge of Instruction a short time previous to our visit.

While the fraternal spirit was ablaze, and the usual accompaniments of speech, song and story all had their turn, and of a high order, yet a feeling of sadness pervaded the whole evening as during the afternoon we had met to pay our last respects to Right Worshipful Brother John Sinclair, of Petrolia Lodge. Our late Bro. Sinclair was the dean of Petrolia Masons, upwards of ninety years of age, and an enthusiastic Mason to the end. He was a P.D.D.G.M., and one of the most widely known Masons in Ontario. His affable manner, pleasant smile and warm hand shake, were but the index to his true Masonic qualities.

In earlier years when men were struggling to make ends meet, many a creditor and debtor who were coming to grips felt better after the event that Bro. John Sinclair 'the bailiff' stood between them. "Blessed be the Peacemaker," was his reward. The pleasant recollections of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sinclair will long remain an evergreen in both Petrolia and Washington Lodges.

We will mention another incident to illustrate what is silently taking place in all lodges. I affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 153, in 1889, Wor. Bro. James Wilson was then Worshipful Master of the Lodge. On my official visit, Mar. 5th, Worshipful Bro. Wilson was tyler of the Lodge, and just as enthusiastic as when he was Master. He told me he was the only member left of those days 36 years ago, a generation in the scale of time.

During that period the greatest changes in Masonic growth in the District have taken place in the City of Sarnia. It has now about one-third of the total membership of the District, upwards of 1100 members; one tyler serves for the City's four lodges and is also a Past Master.

We are pleased to see Past Masters acting in this capacity, visitors may be clergy, lawyers, doctors, bankers, trade artisans, in fact all respectable callings in life—Who is better qualified to meet them at the portals of Lodge than a Past Master. A kindly courteous reception makes a good impression on the visitor, a tactful Tyler has the opportunity to relieve many an embarrassing situation for both the visitor and Master of the lodge.

We mentioned that all visits were well attended except one, that was St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra, on March 10th. Either fourteen or fifteen brethren present. Masonic ardor was not lacking, but weather conditions were the worst on our whole rounds. During the afternoon a funeral took place, the hearse became mired, necessitating transfer of the body to a democrat and a relay of three teams of horses before reaching the cemetery; later in the evening a severe thunderstorm came on that simply made movement on the roads practically impossible. But every cloud has its silver lining, the brethren present were enthusiastic, the candidate was of the third generation of the Dalgety family all Masons, the lodge room is quite commodious and well furnished, and owned by the lodge. They contemplate building an addition to make room for a reading room, and recreation room. "That's the spirit that counts."

We must note our visit to Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright, as like the Lodge of Sombra, many of its

brethren are engaged in the frontier river and lake services, consequently away from home during the period of navigation. Winter is there "Get Together" season, and "School is Out" for the annual visit of the District Deputy Grand Master. At that meeting Bro. Phemister, the manager of one of the banks, first saw Masonic light, and was an admirable candidate, but he seemed to be short of funds that evening. Bro. W. S. Haney, M.P.P. for West Lambton was present in company with some other Sarnia brethren; during his address Bro. Haney gave some very interesting information to masons as to what he observed in Saint Sofia, Constantinople. Saint Sofia has a prominent place in both Christian and Mahommedan history. The fall of Constantinople, during the late war, opened to Christian gaze, the interior of this sacred edifice that had been closed, except to Mahommedans, since 1453, over 450 years.

We noted the array of professional and other occupations represented at the meeting. Later a Rev. Bro. present made it clear that notwithstanding the many classes present they were all peers, and proud to be called Masons. We mention these several incidents just to show the variety of happenings met with by a D.D.G.M. on his rounds.

The meetings at other lodges not mentioned, were of just as high an order as the few we noted, as to character of work done and goodfellowship.

The attendance of Past Masters at all meetings was gratifying, as was also the interchange of visitors among the various lodges. Fraternity should be a strong feature among us, added interest in lodge work would ensue by having the principal officers of sister lodges put on a degree for neighboring brethren, and vice versa, both lodges would be the better for it, as it would tend to keep up interest in lodge work, and act as a stimulus to do better work by reducing what we might call "stage fright", and enhancing an easiness of manner that cannot be got through any other channel except practice.

The selection of good masters is always a preliminary to a set of good Past Masters, and from these we draw our best Secretaries, and Treasurers and Tylers, nor does the chain begin with Master, as every inner

guard and higher officer is a prospective Master. The moral is, do not elect an officer to make him good, but elect him to office because he is good material to start with.

The Past Masters of the District are practically 10% of the registered membership, consequently are a very important element in the Masonic family of the District. Many a lodge now strong and vigorous, in some day of its career has had to thank its Past Masters for keeping the home fires burning.

The knowledge of these things, and the fact of so many of them active as secretaries and treasurers prompted the suggestion to set apart a portion of the time for the Lodge of Instruction, for the special benefit of Wardens and Masters, and through them the whole lodge.

A few thoughts and observations noted on our rounds may serve a purpose. We note there are only three lodges in the District honor their birth date with a place on their notices, Petrolia, Washington and Beaver; the information would be both interesting and instructive, as Lodge Charters are not always at hand for reference. It is not a crime to be young nor is it a sin to be old. Please note that Grand Lodge Reports do not carry this information from year to year.

Where space in waiting rooms permit, a few cases of mounted birds and animals (small) and curios, properly labelled to the credit of the donors, will create more interest and amusement than any amount of fishy stories that have no foundation in fact.

A little library of Masonic history and reference books would serve a good purpose, chessmen and checkers might also find a place.

We mention these things in the interest of the side benches in a busy lodge, as all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Under such influences congenial spirits find their mates, and the most lasting friendships are formed.

The "At Homes" we attended in Huron, Cassia, and Inwood Lodges, and such like do more for Masonry



than printers' ink. The greatest coherent and developing powers in nature, gravity and sunlight, are noiseless in operation, as are also the greatest influences for good in Masonry.

My visits to Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, Ionic Lodge, Napier and St. Johns Lodge, Mt. Brydges, took me into territory where I expected to meet few acquaintances, Masonic or otherwise, but was pleasantly surprised to the contrary. These meetings were well attended and enthusiastic, and work well done. At Mt. Brydges, we were favored with the presence of Bro. Stewart, formerly of Petrolia, and Bro. E. T. Essery, both now of London, who motored over from the city to spend the evening with their Mt. Brydges brethren, and incidentally renew old acquaintances with the D.D.G.M.; their addresses were humorous, reminiscent and pithy.

We met many young Masons in all lodges, and were gratified at the meeting and acquaintances. To them we would say, persevere in the acquiring and practice of Masonic principles, they are a safe anchor in the prime of manhood, and as the years roll by you will prize them still more for what they have done for you. The steadfastness of so many brethren who have reached the sunset of life, in all callings and professions, bears testimony to the truth of this statement.

To the brethren of the lodges of the District I would say my troubles have been few, but pleasures many, and if any thought put into words at the various meetings, convinced any brother into believing and exercising the truth conveyed in the following lines I feel that I have done something in return, though little, for the greatest Masonic honor of the District.

"Better than grandeur, better than gold,  
Or rank or title a hundred fold,  
Is a heart that can feel for a neighbor's woe,  
And share in his joys, with a friendly glow."

We cannot close without a reference to those "last sad rites". During my term I had to attend or take part in our last respects to revered brethren ranging in age from seventy to upwards of ninety years. We mentioned Rt. Wor. Bro. John Sinclair of Petrolia earlier in this report;



the others were Bro. John Jones, of Forest Lodge, Bro. Wm. English, a charter member of Inwood Lodge, Bro. Richard Code of Alvinston Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. James Newall of Havelock Lodge, Watford. With the exception of Bro. Jones, I was personally acquainted with the others for upwards of twenty-five years, and can testify to the personal worth of each. They were all either Life or Honorary Members of their respective lodges of long standing, which says more in their behalf than words of mine can express. Rt. Wor. Bro. Newall was the first D.D.G.M. in the District, and was a man of both thought and culture and widely known over the whole Province in Masonic circles. Bro. Code of Alvinston was also known far beyond the limits of his community. They were all good and true men and Masons in the best interpretation of the terms.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. GRAHAM,  
D.D.G.M. Sarnia District

## SOUTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith a brief summary of Masonic conditions in South Huron District during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master.

I desire first, however, to express to the Masters and Wardens in the district my sincere thanks for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to that high and honorable position. The experience and pleasure of visiting the different lodges of the district, meeting with the splendid body of men in each instance has been most enjoyable. The brotherhood of Masonry means vastly more to me than it did twelve months ago and I shall always look back upon this year of my district deputyship as a year of happy memories. My official duties throughout the year were not very onerous, and nothing of extraordinary nature had to be dealt with. I have visited all the lodges in the district once and have had very successful meetings. The attendance in nearly every instance ran around the hundred mark and over.

Upon my official visit to my Mother Lodge, (Britannia, No. 170) nearly every lodge in the district was represented and it was my great pleasure to present to Very Worshipful Bro. William Ballantyne on behalf of the members of the lodge a gold headed cane suitably engraved marking his sixtieth anniversary as a member of the Craft and Britannia Lodge. Very Worshipful Bro. Ballantyne is an ideal Mason and has the love and respect of all who know him.

The work throughout the district is very satisfactory and is an evidence of close study and earnest effort on the part of the officers of the various lodges. Nearly every lodge is fortunate in having many of its Past Masters regular in attendance and actively participating in the work.

With sincere sorrow I have to mention the passing into the Grand Lodge above of P.D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Fraser, of Parkhill. His Masonic life and fidelity to duty were ever a true inspiration to his brethren and fellows. We revere his memory and his death is regretted by all who knew him.

In conclusion I wish to thank my brother Masons for the delightful hours I have spent with them in their home lodges. I am very thankful for the honor conferred upon me and for all the delightful privileges and associations, merry hours and serious hours and golden opportunities that are mine to remember.

Fraternally submitted,

C. ABERHART,

D.D.G.M. South Huron District

## ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence District, for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1925.

First: I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of St. Lawrence District for the distinction and honor bestowed on me in electing me to this important and responsible position; and for the warm sympathetic reception I received in every lodge. I have tried to uphold the dignity of the office and to discharge every duty pertaining there to as faithfully and well as I knew how.

No D.D.G.M. ever received more loyal and unselfish support and assistance than I have received from the whole membership of the two Masonic Lodges in Smiths Falls and in truth from the whole District. On all my official visits I was accompanied by a numerous retinue of Past Masters, Officers and Members, thus making my visits one grand triumphal procession. Every lodge gave me a warm welcome and treated me like a prince and I formed many warm friendships which I will always treasure.

On April 24th I had the pleasant privilege of assisting Most Wor. Bro. Ponton in dedicating our new splendid quarters in Smiths Falls. It was a source of gratification and pride to the Brethren of St. Francis and Osiris Lodges to have Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary and practically every P.D.D.G.M. in the district present and take part. It was a real Masonic gathering with over 500 brethren present representing every lodge in the district. Most Wor. Bro. Ponton gave a magnificent address which well repaid anyone for making the long trip from any corner of the district.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. H. S. Coombs of Osiris Lodge, Smiths Falls, the District Secretary and I desire at this time to express my sincere appreciation for his useful services in that office.

### Official Visits

My first official visit as D.D.G.M. was made to **Lyn Lodge, No. 416**, which, although a small rural lodge, I would designate as one of the best lodges in the district. The members are real Masons and look to Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown as their authority on all of the ancient usages and customs and their confidence is well placed. I visited this lodge on Tues., Oct. 7th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Coombs, Wor. Bro. O'Brine and Bro. Dr. S. V. Saunders and found about twenty-five visitors there from Brockville. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown and welcomed by Wor. Bro. M. Westlake. The Master and his officers were all primed for the third degree but unfortunately the candidate had to take his mother to the Brockville Hospital that day and could not return in time for the meeting. The officers raised to the third degree and closed in a manner which left no doubt as to their ability and proficiency in doing any of their work.

The after meeting was a real treat. Abundance of good things, splendid addresses and good fellowship everywhere.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta. was visited on Tues., Oct. 24th. I was accompanied by some eighteen of the Smiths Falls brethren including the Masonic Orchestra. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Dowsett and Wor. Bro. Stephens and welcomed by Wor. Bro. Tye. This is a good lodge with splendid equipment and they showed that they were only too glad to exercise the real Masonic spirit. This lodge has some splendid talent among both the old and the younger members and should have a splendid future before it.

Crystal Fountain Lldge, No. 389, North Augusta, was visited Thurs., Nov. 6th, in company with a number of Smiths Falls' brethren. Very few village lodges can boast of so fine a Masonic Temple as Crystal Fountain. I was welcomed by Wor. Bro. Cavanagh, a young Master who was once a pupil of mine. He and his officers initiated a splendid candidate in a most exemplary manner leaving nothing to find fault with. Wor. Bro. Chapman made a splendid toastmaster giving all such a welcome as left no doubt as to the true feelings of brotherhood.



Otter Lodge, No. 504, Lombardy, is one of the youngest lodges in the district. Accompanied by a crowd of Smiths Falls' members, I visited Otter Lodge on Nov. 11th. Wor. Bro. Lockwood, the officers and Past Masters gave us a very warm welcome. A very fine candidate received his first degree in an impressive manner. The work of the Master and his officers would have done credit to any city lodge. The books of the secretary and of the treasurer, were in splendid shape. Otter Lodge is noted for its hospitality and if I am not mistaken is developing some young Masons who some day will be the real rulers in the Craft.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, is one of the really high class lodges in the district. On Feb. 3rd, accompanied by about thirty Smiths Falls' Masons I paid my official visit and was treated to the best Merrickville could produce. This lodge has been schooled for the past twenty years by three outstanding P.D.D.G.M.'s so I knew the officers were carefully selected and the work well done and I was not disappointed this time. The spirit of brotherhood is felt in the whole village. The degree work was all that could be desired. The secretary has his books in good order and the young officers give promise of good things for this lodge. I wish to state here that Merrickville Lodge out of the goodness of a generous heart, presented the Smiths Falls Lodges on the occasion of the Dedication of the New Rooms in Smiths Falls with a Perfect Ashlar. St. Francis and Osiris Lodges will always have a warm freindship for any brother coming from Merrickville.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville. This is one of the lodges where I expected to see everything done right and also to receive a very warm welcome from old friends and I was not disappointed. Under the paternal care of Rt. Wor. Bro. Langstaff and Rt. Wor. Bro. Patterson, Wor. Bro. Medcaf and his officers could not fail to be well schooled in all the ancient landmarks. I could only commend as criticism was entirely our of place. On this evening my mother lodge was holding her first meeting in our new Temple and it was expedient that all Osiris members be at home to celebrate the occasion, twenty-one St. Francis members accompanied me and reported one of the best evenings ever. Wor.

Bro. Guest is an outstanding secretary having everything in splendid order.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smiths Falls. My official visit to St. Francis Lodge was a very pleasant one. The officers and members always give me a very warm welcome everytime I visit them and this was no exception. The healthy rivalry in work and in music that has existed for years between the two Smiths Falls lodges has kept the officers of both right on their toes stressing two things:—to impress the candidate and to make the meeting profitable for the members. This lodge has a great array of capable past masters who can be counted on to do any part of the work at any time. This is one of the oldest lodges, one of the largest lodges and the prosperous growth still continues.

Sussex, No. 5 and Salem, No. 368, Brockville invited me to a joint meeting on Mar. 16th. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Hawkins of St. Francis and Wor. Bro. Coombs of Osiris Lodges and we were welcomed by nearly four hundred members and visitors. I was particularly impressed with the despatch with which the business was conducted. Two candidates were balloted for and five applications were read by Wor. Bro. Guest of Essex Lodge. A splendid young candidate was initiated, the officers of both lodges taking part in a faultless manner. A full choir provided the music, making the ceremony most impressive. Usually it is not wise to select any officer for special mention where each does his part so well but the final charge as given by Wor. Bro. Derbyshire was so outstanding that I could not refrain from mentioning it.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark. This lodge was just added to our district two years ago and as a fitting welcome this year at a full meeting of St. Lawrence District Past Masters' Association held in Smith Falls, Wor. Bro. Forbes of Evergreen Lodge was nominated as the next D.D.G.M. Many Smiths Falls and Perth members accompanied me on my visit and my many friends in Lanark gave me a splendid reception. Wor. Bro. Gregg and his officers are to be congratulated. In every detail the work in the first degree was done in a very acceptable manner. This lodge can be com-

mended for the way they look after absent members proving conclusively that the spirit of Masonry prevails.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth. It was a great disappointment to me that on April 6th, I was confined to bed and had to ask Rt. Wor. Bro. Magee and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks to pay my official visit. Rt. Wor. Bro. Magee reported that he received a royal welcome and that the Perth Brethren were delighted with the change. Many Smiths Falls brethren from both lodges were present. Very Wor. Bro. Coombs, the District Secretary, reported the work done as well as any D.D. G.M. could wish. By invitation I am paying this lodge a friendly visit on Monday, July 6th, during their "Old Home Welcome," and I am looking forward to a good time.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott. I visited Prescott on Thurs., April 16th and met with an enthusiastic reception from a crowded lodge. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Fleming and saw the Fellowcraft Degree exemplified by Wor. Bro. Johnston, assisted by three of his past masters. The work was accurate and impressive. A visitor would be cold indeed if he failed to feel the harmony and good fellowship which prevailed. It was a real family party with good things to eat and eloquent addresses on the deep things of life. The genial secretary's books are worthy of special mention. My best wishes is that the present healthy condition may long prevail.

Nation Lodge, No. 556, Spencerville. This is the baby lodge of the District but I found everything in splendid condition. A fine Temple well equipped, the best type of membership and capable officers well taught in the ancient charges. The members of Nation Lodge are not afraid to work or sing or speak so my visit was an exceptionally plesant one and I will be delighted to revisit this lodge on every possible occasion.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens. A large number of Masons from Smiths Falls and Lombardy accompanied me on May 7th. I was introduced by my old friend Wor. Bro. Earle and received a warm welcome from the Master and his officers. The Register showed

the largest attendance since the dedication of the present rooms some eight years ago. This lodge has a fine young membership taking hold of the work and filling the offices. The third degree was exemplified by the Master assisted by three past masters in a very capable manner. This lodge has the prospect of a very prosperous future.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta. This lodge is the Mecca for the whole Masonic fraternity in and surrounding Brockville. Rt. Wor. Bro. McKim was the guiding spirit for many years and there is a real effort on the part of the officers to show their city neighbors how the work should be done. I congratulate the officers for their splendid work and also on the splendid spirit of hospitality which prevails.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne. I visited Lansdown on May 21st and received a warm welcome from Wor. Bro. Mackie and his officers. This was the only lodge where I did not know the brethren personally before my visit and here I had not a single acquaintance, but as we drove away, my genial secretary, Wor. Bro. Coombs, remarked: "That is the most friendly lodge we have visited." They do not leave everything for the Masters, but each member made it his business to look after the visitors. Dr. Mackie, the Master, and his officers did their work perfectly. The books and records are in splendid condition and there are many young officers capable of filling the Master's chair for many years to come. I hope this will not be my last visit to Lansdowne Lodge.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown. My last official visit was made on June 1st, to Macoy Lodge, and we were royally entertained by Wor. Bro. Fawcett, Rt. Wor. Bro. Blanchard and the officers of the lodge. About fifty Masons motored out from Brockville to enjoy the friendship and hospitality of the Mallorytown brethren. Wor. Bro. Fawcett and his officers do their work perfectly and the members have been a real moulding force in building up this fine prosperous rural community.

Osiris Lodge, No. 489, Smiths Falls. This is my Mother Lodge. This is the Masonic home of the men



I respect, trust and love. Peace and brotherhood prevail. No family ever worked together more unselfishly for a common end. Every officer from the Master to the Junior Steward takes a pride in his work. The orchestra and choir never fail the master and at the last emergency meeting for degree work nine P.M's were on hand to assist. May this long continue, not only in Osiris but in every lodge in St. Lawrence District.

In conclusion let me state that this has been a prosperous year in every lodge. Every lodge is in a good financial condition and has made a suitable increase in membership. Almost every lodge responded nobly and made interlodge visits as assigned by the Past Master's Association and report real pleasure and profit in the same. Let me commend the unselfish example of Canon Shatford of Montreal, Harry Linney of Bracebridge and especially of Rev. Dr. McGuire of Montreal, each of whom has spoken on Masonic subjects in this District during the year, strengthening ideals and in many instances giving a broader, sounder vision to those fortunate enough to hear.

Very sincerely Yours,

W. T. FERGUSON,

D.D.G.M. St. Lawrence District.



## ST. THOMAS DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with some feeling of regret that I find myself approaching the close of the happiest and most instructive year of my Masonic experience, and to realize that the time has arrived for the submitting of my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Thomas District.

Words fail to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this district, in intrusting to me the duties of this high office, the dignity and honor of which I have endeavoured to uphold to the best of my humble ability.

### Visits

My official visits were made as follows:

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney, on Oct. 15th.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne, on Nov. 5th.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Sta. on Nov. 7th.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne, on Nov. 25th.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, on Dec. 10th.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas, on Jan. 15th.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, on Feb. 5th.

Talbot Lodge, No. 546, St. Thomas, on Mar. 26th.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, on April 14th.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, on May 6th.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal, on June 6th.

At all these meetings, except one, degrees were exemplified in a very acceptable manner. In my review of the work on each occasion I have made a practice of giving praise, only where praise was merited and to instruct where I felt instruction was necessary. The officers in every lodge showed themselves to be genuine Masons by the way they received and appreciated the instruction so given.

Our district being composed of an ideal number of lodges, I was able to pay most of my official visits on regular lodge nights, and to see the full order of business conducted, which was fully as interesting as was the work of the degrees. To see the harmony which prevailed during the discussion of business and the ready acquiescence of the brethren in all votes and resolutions, was a revelation. Only on one or two occasions was there a show of temper and these occasions are always regrettable.

I had many other enjoyable visits with the various lodges, one of which was with Malahide Lodge at Aylmer, on Feb. 6th, when Past Masters, who had not previously received them, were presented with P.M. Jewels. This included some sixteen Past Masters, dating back to 1892.

### Grand Lodge Night

The most outstanding event of the year was the Grand Lodge Night, held under the auspices of the St. Thomas Lodges, on Friday evening, Nov. 21st, to which the whole district was invited, and at which we enjoyed the gracious presence of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, W. J. Drope, also Right Worshipful Brother J. A. Rowland, Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers.

The E.A. degree was exemplified by Present and Past Grand Lodge officers, with Most Wor. Bro. Drope and Rt. Wor. Bro. Rowland assisting, after which upwards of four hundred brethren enjoyed the hospitality of the St. Thomas lodges at the banquet table. It was an evening long to be remembered.

### Prehistoric Masonry

Another outstanding event, was a joint meeting of the three St. Thomas lodges on May 15th, at which Rev. Bro. G. R. McGuire of Montreal gave a most interesting and very instructive address on Prehistoric Masonry. So great was the interest, that after two and a half hours of a most wonderful lecture, the brethren proceeded to ask questions upon the subject. I cannot too highly praise the St. Thomas Brethren for the in-

terest they show, in keeping Masonry at the high-water mark through the whole district by these periodical events.

### **Benevolence**

While some of the lodges are contributing splendidly to benevolence, and I believe all the worthy cases in the district are being looked after, still the financial condition of most of the lodges would warrant a wider service to humanity in general.

I have offered the suggestion, that as Grand Lodge has reached the mark of over one dollar per member for benevolence, the subordinate lodges might do well to allow the example.

### **The Book of Constitution**

I have pressed for a more thorough study of the Book of Constitution, by the Master, Wardens and the Secretary, as my observations of the conducting of the Order of Business, on regular nights, leads me to believe that many actions are taken by lodges which are not entirely constitutional, and some requirements, such as the obtaining of dispensations for Masonic functions, and the reporting of funerals, are not always carried out.

### **Divine Services**

I have attended Divine Services with the brethren on three or four occasions, when most instructive discourses were delivered, I hope for a further development of the plan of holding Divine Service during the cooler months of the year, in the lodge room, rather than the parade from the lodge room to the church. I am glad to say, that we Masons do not engage in the parade often enough to become very efficient, and usually it is not carried out with the best of order.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my visits, and the various lodges for the many kindnesses and considerations extended to me during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BURKE,

D.D.G.M. St. Thomas District.

## TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Temiskaming District for the past Masonic year.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. R. S. Taylor of Silver Lodge, No. 486, as District Secretary, who was of great assistance to me and discharged his duties faithfully.

I must first express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me to that high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the loyal and hearty support they have continued to give me throughout the entire Masonic year.

## Special Meetings

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to accompany the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Drope, and his party on their tour through this district, when they made the following visits:

Monday, Sept. 1st.—Doric Lodge, No. 623, Kirkland Lake, where the Grand Master addressed the brethren.

Monday, Sept. 1st.—Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, where a first degree was conferred, the Grand Master also taking part.

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd—Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, where the second degree was conferred.

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.—Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, at which no work was done, but the Most Worshipful the Grand Master addressed the brethren.

At each meeting the Grand Master received a most hearty welcome, and each evening will be one that will long be remembered by the brethren who heard the instructive addresses given by the Grand Master.

An added pleasure was the presence at several of the meetings of Mrs. Drope and Miss Drope, who had accompanied the Grand Master on his trip through this portion of his jurisdiction.

At each meeting tokens of love and affection were presented to the Grand Master.

### **Dedication**

I was requested by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to constitute and dedicate Doric Lodge, Kirkland Lake, and install the officers, on Thursday, Sept. 18th, 1924.

I was assisted by a number of Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters of this district.

Doric Lodge is to be congratulated. They own their building, it is commodious and well equipped. This lodge has a very bright future.

### **Installations**

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to install and invest the officers of the following lodges:

Doric Lodge, No. 623, Sept. 18th, 1924.

Elk Lake Lodge, No. 507, Oct. 10th, 1924.

Silver Lodge, No. 486, Dec. 1st, 1924.

Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, Jan. 16th, 1925.

Cochrane Lodge, No. 530, June 26th, 1925.

These were very large meetings, and I was assisted by a number of the Past Masters.

The installation of the Officers of Abitibi Lodge was an interesting event. There were present on this occasion twenty-eight Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters. Bro. R. A. McInnes was installed as Master of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. A. D. McInnes, father of the new Master, assisting.

The installation of the Officers of Cochrane Lodge was also a very interesting occasion. It was their tenth anniversary, and the new Worshipful Master, had been the first candidate ten years previous.



It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of V. Wor. Bro. J. T. Price of Englehart Lodge, who passed away on April 14th, 1925. He was one of the most widely known and distinguished Masons in Temiskaming, was an ideal Mason, and had the love and respect of all who knew him.

### Official Visits.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard. This, my first official visit, was made on Thursday, Nov. 20th, when a regular meeting of the lodge was held. I was accompanied by V.W. Bro. D. W. McLeod and Wor. Bro. K. D. Mackay, and we were greeted by a splendid gathering of members and visiting brethren.

There were two candidates for initiation. Wor. Bro. Nixon and his officers exemplified the first degree upon Mr. A. L. Sceviour in a highly satisfactory manner. R. Wor. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe, assisted by the Past Masters, conferred the degree upon the second candidate, Mr. Edward J. Thompson, in a most impressive manner, and the work was almost faultless.

Temiskaming Lodge has a long list of Past Masters who are always ready to take their share of the work. In V.W. Bro. Brown this lodge has a very capable secretary. The financial condition of the lodge is sound, and the business affairs appear to be carefully managed. This is the Mother Lodge of the District. They have a fine building of their own, well equipped. The lodge will continue to prosper.

Cochrane Lodge, No. 530, Cochrane. I made my official visit to this lodge on Thursday, January 15th, 1925. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Humpreys and Wor. Bro. Robinson, and was received in a most cordial and fraternal manner by Wor. Bro. A. T. King and his brethren. There was a large attendance of Past Masters, Members and visitors. There being no degree work, the Worshipful Master opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. I am glad to be able to report that this lodge is doing splendid work, and under the guidance of Wor. Bro. A. T. King and his officers there is a splendid future in store for Cochrane

lodge. A pleasing feature which the Worshipful Master has arranged is a series of lectures on Masonry, which are much appreciated by the brethren. The lodge is fortunate in having Bro. Wm. S. Davies as Secretary. The books are in good condition.

Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, Timmins.—I visited this lodge on Wednesday, February 11th, 1925, which was a regular meeting.

I was introduced by R. Wor. Bro. C. G. Williams, P.D.D.G.M., and received a most cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. G. F. Bailey, the Worshipful Master. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present and a splendid meeting. Wor. Bro. G. F. Bailey and his officers conferred the first degree upon W. G. McHugh in a most satisfactory manner. The conferring of this degree was all the more interesting because the candidate was conducted through the ceremony by his father, who is the Junior Deacon. Special mention might be made of the delivery of the Junior Warden's lecture, and also the work of the Chaplain, which was exceptionally well done.

The books are well kept by Bro. E. Richards, a capable and efficient officer. An enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet hall at the conclusion of the work.

Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, South Porcupine.—I made my official visit to this lodge on Thursday, February 5th, 1925, and was accompanied by Wor. Bro. R. S. Taylor. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. A. D. Pearce and received a very hearty welcome. Wor. Bro. E. J. Mason has a splendid set of officers, and the first degree was conferred upon Herbert Briden in a most impressive manner. The splendid music added much to the beauty of the work. The Junior Warden and Chaplain rendered their work in a most excellent manner. The lodge owns their own building, and are to be congratulated on their comfortable and well appointed rooms. The Past Masters retain their interest by attendance, and by assisting in the conferring of the degrees. The books are in good order, there are no arrears of dues, and harmony prevails here in ample form. The prospects of this lodge are bright.

Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, Iroquois Falls.—This visit was made on May 15th, 1925, at a regular communica-

tion, and I received a very warm welcome. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. R. A. McInnes being away, the ceremonies were in the care of Wor. Bro. C. M. Watts, assisted by the Officers and Past Masters. The lectures and charges in the various degrees were given to candidates who had not previously received them. The officers taking part did their work exceptionally well. This lodge has had a very active year. Wor. Bro. R. A. McInnes has had many enjoyable Masonic functions, one in particular being a visit from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and other brethren from the United States. The lodge is fortunate in having Past Masters who attend regularly, and take an active part in the proceedings. I am pleased to report that the finances are in good shape, the books are well kept, and arrears of dues are not large.

Elk Lake Lodge, No. 507, Elk Lake.—I visited this lodge on their regular meeting night, May 28th, 1925. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. J. M. Coghill and Wor. Bro. Morgan and received a hearty welcome. There was a good attendance of members and visitors.

Wor. Bro. Dr. G. R. Crann and his officers conferred the second degree in a most efficient manner, the candidate being well versed in the work of the preceding degree. Wor. Bro. Dr. G. R. Crann and most of the members have to travel twenty-seven miles to lodge meetings, and are to be congratulated for their regular attendance. After the close of the lodge the brethren entertained the ladies to a most enjoyable banquet and dance. Elk Lake Masons are noted for their hospitality.

Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt.—This, my mother lodge, I visited officially on June 1st, 1925.

I was introduced by R.W. Bro. F. H. Todd and V.W. Bro. A. D. Campbell, and received a hearty welcome from the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. W. McRae, which was sincerely appreciated by me. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. McRae and his officers with dignity, and in such a manner as to warrant the words of commendation and encouragement which it was my privilege to convey.

In every detail the work was done in a splendid manner, and could not fail to leave a lasting impression on the candidate.

Wor. Bro. McRae was ably assisted by the loyal Past Masters for which this lodge is noted.

At this meeting a very interesting incident took place. V.W. Bro. D. W. McLeod who was present but suffering from a severe cold asked me to present Silver Lodge with a Volume of the Sacred Law. It was a great pleasure to me to make this presentation. V.W. Bro. McLeod has been a very active member of this lodge, having served the brethren as their Worshipful Master on two occasions. Of late years the calls for benevolent grants have been received and have always been cheerfully met. The finances are in a healthy condition and well managed. The work of the secretary, Bro. Cavin, is a pleasure to observe, the books are well kept, and very few outstanding dues.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury.—I made my official visit to this lodge on Thursday, June 4th. I was introduced by R. Wor. Bro. N. J. McAuley and R. Wor. Bro. R. Le Heup, and received a hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. W. R. Somerville.

There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The first degree was exemplified in a very pleasing manner by Wor. Bro. W. R. Somerville and his officers, ably assisted by the Past Masters. The candidate being a resident of Haileybury for many years and a sincere friend of mine, I was indeed pleased to see him initiated on this particular occasion.

Haileybury brethren are to be congratulated on providing such a beautiful home. One is immediately impressed with the beauty of the lodge room and its furnishings. In connection with the lodge room, there is a large banquet hall, ante rooms, cloak rooms, etc.

Bro. Seymour makes a very efficient secretary, and the books and records are in excellent shape.

Englehart Lodge, No. 534, Englehart.—I made my official visit to this lodge on Monday, June 15th, 1925.



I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. F. H. Todd, V.W. Bro. D. W. McLeod, Brothers H. G. Fitzgerald, H. Short and A. K. Roberts of Silver Lodge and R.W. Bro. Bro. R. LeHeup and R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentchel of Haileybury Lodge. I received a most hearty welcome from the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. F. Everett, and the brethren.

The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by the Worshipful Master and his officers, the musical portion of the work being exceptionally pleasing. It is with deep regret that I have to report that this lodge lost during the past year a very valuable and enthusiastic officer in the death of V.W. Bro. Price, who had taken a keen interest in lodge affairs. Englehart Lodge is enjoying a splendid attendance of its members, and its books and records are in good shape. It was a very interesting and splendid evening and Englehart Lodge has a great future.

Doric Lodge, No. 623, Kirkland Lake.—I had arranged to visit this lodge on Thursday, April 2nd, 1925, but was unable to do so, owing to me unavoidable absence from the district. Not wishing to cause the brethren any inconvenience, I arranged with R.W. Bro. F. H. Todd, P.D.D.G.M. to represent me, and I give his report as follows: "During your absence, and acting under instructions, I had the pleasure of making an official visit to Doric Lodge, No. 623, A.F. & A.M., Kirkland Lake.

"This lodge owns a fine hall, the upper part of which is used as lodge rooms, and the lower part as banquet hall. The books of the lodge are very well kept, and the lodge is going ahead in a satisfactory manner.

I had the pleasure of seeing a candidate passed to the second degree, and the work could not be excelled. Every officer did his part in a very impressive manner.

I see a great future for this lodge, and R.W. Bro. Haynes, the present Worshipful Master is to be congratulated for his work and untiring energy in bringing the lodge to its present satisfactory condition.

Fraternally submitted,

Frank H. Todd, P.D.D.G.M."



The work throughout the district is of a very high standard, and in very few cases had I to correct the work of the officers.

In conclusion may I add that the year has been one of progress and harmony. I have visited all the lodges in the district, some of them on more than one occasion, and have been shown the utmost courtesy.

I also desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my Right Worshipful Brethren and to the Past Masters who have so ably assisted me and made my term of office one of pleasure, and I can assure them that I will always feel deeply indebted to them.

Fraternally submitted.

T. E. ARMSTRONG,  
D.D.G.M. Temiskaming Dist.

## TORONTO DISTRICT "A"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, of A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is an honour and a pleasure to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto, District "A", for the Masonic year ending July, 1925.

First of all, permit me to convey to my brethren of the district my sincere appreciation for the high honor conferred upon me in electing me to this important and distinguished office, as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Our year of office has been blessed with harmony, prosperity and progress. I have endeavored in my imperfect way to give my opinion, to impart a steadying influence and to encourage the spirit of Masonry, and now that our term of office has expired, I trust that I shall retain the good will and confidence my brethren placed in me a year ago.

Immediately following the election in July, 1924, I appointed Wor. Bro. Thos. C. Johnston, District Secretary. This appointment was a most fortunate one, as Wor. Bro. Johnston has proved to be a most efficient District Secretary, giving to me every help within his power, not sparing in time or effort to give his best to the District. He has gained for himself the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

During the year we have made our official visit of inspection to each lodge in the district, with the exception of Occident, No. 346; this being our Mother Lodge we invited Rt. Wor. Bro. L. E. Lane, to make the official inspection, which he very kindly consented to do, and reports to us that he found the work quite satisfactory.

Throughout the district we have received the most courteous and kindly receptions, and have had the pleasure of witnessing most satisfactory degree work.

We find that the lodges in District "A" are blessed with enthusiastic officers, capable of exemplifying all of the degrees according to Grand Lodge requirements.

We also observed that in practically every lodge there is a splendid Masonic spirit shown by the Past Masters, who are giving their counsel and support to their lodges, and adding considerably to the best interests of the Craft.

It was also very noticeable that applications are coming in very satisfactorily, and the type of men making application and being accepted by the lodges, are men who will undoubtedly prove an asset to the Craft.

The secretaries of the various lodges are taking splendid care of the finances, and are able to show a very well kept and balanced statement. These brethren are doing real work and we cannot speak too highly of their work and its value to the Craft.

We find that the members are meeting their obligations to their lodges in the payment of their annual dues for the most part promptly and cheerfully. In this connection we may say that we made a special effort to arouse the feeling of the small percentage who were in arrears, in order that each and every lodge may show a balanced report at the end of their year.

### **Institutions**

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and with the help and assistance of many Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters of the District, we instituted the Prince of Wales Lodge on March 31st, meeting in the Annette Street Masonic Hall, West Toronto, On April 28th, we instituted Long Branch Lodge, meeting in Connaught Hall at Mimico. We later paid two official visits to each of these lodges and have pleasure in saying that their work was quite up to the standard. Both of these lodges have already received numerous applications, and we have every confidence in their ultimate success.

### **Dedications**

On January 23rd, we were present with Most Worshipful Brother F. W. Harcourt, P.G.M., and had the pleasure of assisting in the Dedication of the new Masonic Temple, built by the brethren of Humber Lodge at

Weston. This fine old lodge has made a wonderful step forward, and the keen interest shown by its members in their untiring effort to bring their New Temple into existence will always stand as a monument to these splendid Masons.

In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity to thank every one with whom we came in contact, from the entered apprentice to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, at every turn we received the kindest consideration.

We sincerely hope that during our year of office we have been successful in maintaining the high ideals so ably presented by our predecessors.

I shall always look upon the past year as one of the most profitable, interesting and inspiring years of my life, and in the years to come as we approach the end of our journey it will always be an everlasting joy to meet with and renew memories with the dear friends we have been privileged to meet.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. S. HALL,  
D.D.G.M. Toronto District "A".

## TORONTO DISTRICT "B"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with pleasure that I submit my report as D.D. G.M. of Toronto District "B".

My first official act, after consultation with the Past Masters of Riverdale Lodge, through whose kindly graciousness and earnest work on my behalf, I have been placed in the honorable office of D.D.G.M., was the appointment of Worshipful Bro. Ernest C. Veitch as District Secretary. The appointment has been a pleasing one in every respect. He has given of his time and ability most unselfishly to the good of the District, and his advice and suggestions to me during the past year have been of inestimable value, he has indeed proven one of those, "friends who make salt sweet and blackness bright." I also wish to record my grateful appreciation to Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. L. Gardiner for many a kindly courtesy and helpful hint.

The interest and enthusiasm with which the Worshipful Masters and Officers enter into the spirit of our ceremonial, and the dignity and sincerity with which the various charges are given, augur well for a continuance of the steady success that characterizes most of the lodges in this district.

There are one or two instances where petty jealousies and thwarted ambitions seem to have thrown a blight on the general advancement, but I believe that in a very short time these sore spots will be healed and all the lodges will go forward in unison; as Masons we should realize that we have no mean heritage and as administrators of a great trust endeavor to be of some real service to our fellow men.

I have suggested on several occasions that some of the lodges have their official inspections during the Autumn months. This would be much better than having nearly all the lodges delay it until March and April. If six lodges were to change the date of inspection to



September, October or November, it would lessen materially the congestion of the spring months. I feel that, by spacing out the inspection nights, any conscientious D.D.G.M. would have a better opportunity to prepare for such occasions addresses in keeping with the dignity and importance of his office. Then from the storehouses of Masonic lore that are available to all who care to enquire, he could offer some real assistance for brethren who try to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

Some rather unfortunate situations have been caused by a want of familiarity with our Constitution and the Lodge By-laws. I would suggest that the Worshipful Masters make themselves more familiar with the essential points of these two codes.

The secretaries of the various lodges are to be congratulated upon the uniformly high standard of excellence with which the records are kept, and the manner in which the routine work of a lodge, that has to be done between meetings, is carried on. These skilled brethren of the Order of the Scribe are too often considered as about on a par with the lodge furniture, yet no one has ever held the office of Worshipful Master but can look back with thankfulness to the times when an efficient and cheerful secretary stood with him and back of him. All honor to these men who carry on so splendidly the details of our constituent lodges.

Of the many delightful evenings that I was privileged to spend with my Masonic brethren, one stands out in bold relief—the night of the official inspection of Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville. Not for the excellence of the ritual work, carefully and sincerely rendered though it was, that I had expected; not for the kindly welcome of the officers and members, that was only consistent with the traditions of loyalty to the representative of the Grand Master in this District. But for the meeting after the lodge was closed and we assembled in the Council Room of the Town Hall. Over 400 brethren, representatives from various lodges, came many miles to this gathering place, including a goodly number from Georgina Lodge, Toronto. This great gathering was the result of several years careful planning and encouragement by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, who originated the

practice, when he was D.D.G.M., of having a number of Toronto brethren take charge of the meeting after the lodge was closed, on the occasion of the annual visit of the D.D.G.M. These efforts have been so successful that year by year the attendance has grown until the gathering is an inspiration to any Mason. The practice, would I think, be a goodly one for any city lodge to copy, and would prove a source of interest and instruction to those brethren who have not the same advantages as we have in Toronto.

It occurred to me that, if ever a Grand Master wished to feel the thrill of a meeting with a very sincere, very earnest group of Masonic manhood, a District meeting such as this, away from the cities would prove a wonderful tonic. The Grand Lodge to these men is at best rather a hazy memory of a hurried two days, and the Grand Master almost a being set apart. And I have been thinking that if the Grand Master, out of the strenuous, arduous occupation of his high office, could only occasionally foregather with his brethren in the rural districts, what an incentive for the betterment of the Craft it would be to them. They may read his addresses in the Proceedings and try to catch some of the Sprit of Masonry with which the address is charged. But while the written word has an inspirational effect, think what the effect of a visit from the Grand Master in person would be! One who felt in sympathy with his brethren of the rural Districts, would leave an impression of the Masonic creed of brotherly love, relief and truth that would fade only with human memory.

In conclusion let me thank all the brethren for the unfailing courtesies, the sympathetic words and the hands of fellowship that were at all times given to me.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES M. MALCOLM,  
D.D.G.M. Toronto District "B".

**TORONTO DISTRICT "C"**

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the year ending June 30th, 1925.

I desire first to express my appreciation to the brethren of this District for the honour conferred on me and on Rising Sun Lodge, in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M. of this Banner District.

The loyal support and expressions of good fellowship extended to me by the Worshipful Masters, officers and members of the lodges have made my duties a great pleasure and I am exceedingly grateful for having the opportunity of forming friendships which I trust will be lasting.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Ford Butler of Rising Sun Lodge, District Secretary, and I cannot express in too high terms my thanks to him for his assistance in carrying out the secretarial work of the district and his many kindly suggestions which were of much assistance in my visits at all of which he was present.

I was able to visit all the lodges in the district once officially and in many of them I was received several times.

In general the condition of Masonry in this district is bright and the future should be one of progress and success. The books of the lodges are well kept and the lodges are to be congratulated on their secretaries many of them officers of long experience. This happy state of affairs accounts for the efficient work of the lodges. The work throughout the District is uniform and much importance is placed on the earnest rendering of the work. The lodges as a rule are prompt in opening and carry on as expeditiously as possibly. Many of the lodges are now making use of the musical ritual which adds

much to the enjoyment of the members present. After the work it is customary to tender a banquet at which an interesting and instructive program is rendered. The charitable work of the district is being well looked after and the general tendency is to spend less on entertainment and more on the work of assisting those in need.

Following is a brief account of my official visits:

King Solomon, No. 22, This lodge was officially visited on March 12th, and the work of the third degree was exemplified in a highly efficient manner. This is the oldest lodge in Toronto District "C" and is in a prosperous condition. Many past masters were present on this occasion and by their presence encourage the officers to do their best.

Richmond, No. 23.—On the evening of Nov. 19th, I visited this lodge officially. The work of the first degree was exemplified in an exceedingly satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Glass and his officers excelling themselves.

The evening was graced by the presence of Most Wor. Bro. Col. Ponton, who officially re-opened the newly decorated and furnished lodge room. At the after meeting Most W. Bro. Ponton described his visit to the old land during the summer. A large number of brethren from the neighboring lodges were present and a very profitable evening was spent. This lodge is in good standing financially and doing excellent work.

Rehoboam, No. 65.—I officially visited this lodge on the evening of May 7th, and enjoyed the exemplification of the first degree in a very efficient manner. The work was well rendered and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Simcoe, No. 79.—I officially visited Simcoe Lodge, on April 6th. This is one of the oldest lodges and a large number of past masters were present, a number assisting in the work. The work of the third degree was exemplified in an efficient manner. The lodge is in a flourishing state and doing a good work.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86.—Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th, 1925, was inspection night at Wilson Lodge, No. 86. About forty of the brethren of Rising Sun Lodge accom-

panied me on this occasion and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The work of the first degree was exemplified in a manner that was an inspiration to all present. The Worshipful Master and his officers well upheld the best traditions of this old lodge. This lodge is in a flourishing condition and holds a high position among the lodges of this district. An officer worthy of special mention is Bro. W. L. Lawer, the secretary, whose books are well worth inspecting. They are a work of art.

Sharon, No. 97.—On Tuesday evening, May 5th, I visited Sharon Lodge, Queensville, at which communication the work of the third degree was exemplified for my inspection. W. Bro. Greig and his officers did the work in a very effective and impressive manner.

Tuscan, No. 99.—On the evening of April 8th, I officially visited this old lodge, who, for my inspection exemplified the work of the first degree in a highly satisfactory manner. This lodge is very comfortable in quarters secured a year or so ago and is in a flourishing Masonic condition.

Rising Sun, No. 129.—I officially visited this lodge on the evening of Oct. 3rd. As this is the lodge with which I am affiliated, I requested R.W. Bro. J. B. McLean, P.D.D.G.M., who initiated me into the mysteries of Masonry, passed and raised me and afterwards installed me in King Solomon's chair to report on the work of W. Bro. F. A. MacDonald and his officers. The work of the Fellowcraft degree was rendered in a very efficient manner, all the officers doing their work well.

This lodges owns a beautiful lodge room and is in a flourishing condition. A large number of visiting brethren were present.

York Lodge, No. 156.—On the evening of March 20th, I officially visited York lodge and examined the work of the first degree as exemplified by the officers. York Lodge maintains an honoured place in Masonry and the officers and members lived up to the example set by their predecessors.



Bro. Douglas of University Lodge gave a humorous and instructive address on Irish wit and humour.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247.—On Jan. 27th, I officially visited Ashlar Lodge and spent a very pleasant evening. The officers of the lodge occupied their respective chairs for the first time on this occasion and exemplified the work of the third degree in a very efficient manner. The officers of this lodge take their work seriously and endeavour to impress the candidates with the importance of the lessons which our Masonic work teaches.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the banquet, the entertainment being given by a troupe of minstrels under the direction of W. Bro. Walker of King Solomon's Lodge.

Paterson Lodge, No. 265.—This lodge was inspected officially on Thursday evening, Nov. 20th, and a very interesting evening was spent. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Allsop and his officers. One feature of the work was the calm, collected manner in which the work was rendered.

This lodge is in good shape financially and is doing good work. A large number of brethren were present from the neighboring lodges.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326.—On Friday, evening, April 24th, I officially visited this lodge and witnessed the exemplification of the work of the first degree. This lodge recently celebrated its semi-centennial. The work of the officers is of a high order and an inspiration to those who attended its meetings.

After the work in the lodge room an excellent entertainment was provided by members of Harmony choir and Bros. Percy and Albert David.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438.—I officially inspected the work of Harmony Lodge Monday evening, Feb. 23rd. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner and the candidate could not help but be impressed with the work.

Harmony Lodge is to be congratulated on the work of its choir and after the work in the lodge room the choir assisted by Bro. John Cameron entertained those present to the entire satisfaction of all. It was a good Masonic night.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 481.—I had the pleasure of witnessing an excellent exemplification of the first degree when I officially inspected Corinthian Lodge on Mar. 26th. This lodge is composed of energetic masons and is doing a good work. The officers are in earnest and take Masonry seriously. They have a good choir conducted by W. Bro. Bowles. A pleasant hour was spent with the members and visitors at the close of the lodge.

Malone Lodge, No. 512.—On Wednesday evening, May 6th, I officially inspected this lodge and enjoyed an excellent evening. W. Bro. Sherman very satisfactorily conferred the work of initiation. This lodge is making rapid progress and is in a very prosperous condition.

The after meeting was presided over by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone who is ever welcome at any of the lodges on North Yonge St. A very pleasant hour was spent and although late all expressed the desire to be invited next year.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 542.—Metropolitan Lodge under the guidance of W. Bro. A. M. Smith was officially inspected on Jan. 28th, and a very instructive evening was spent. The work of the first degree was exemplified in an efficient manner and each officer was eager to do his best. The musical part of the ritual is well rendered under the leadership of the lodge quartette, who deserve particular mention for their assistance both in the lodge room and at the banquet.

Oakwood Lodge, No. 553.—I officially visited this lodge on April 13th, and witnessed a rendering of the work of the third-degree. Oakwood is one of our younger lodges and is doing good work. The lodge is in a healthy condition and doing a good Masonic work in this part of the city.

We were also entertained by an address by Rev. Bro. Wells of Alberta, who spoke on the symbolism of the Ashlars. A very profitable evening was spent.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 577.—On April the first, I officially visited St. Clair Lodge and witnessed the satisfactory exemplification of the first degree. This young lodge is well skilled in the work of the different degrees and is in a healthy condition. The past masters take an interest in the work and by their presence are an inspiration to the officers.

Harcourt Lodge, No. 581.—On Wednesday evening, Jan. 21st, I officially visited Harcourt Lodge, No. 581. The members of this lodge have dinner together at 6.00 o'clock, a practice which is to be commended as it allows the brethren to get home in good time.

The work of the second degree was exemplified in a highly efficient manner. This lodge is in a very healthy condition and never attempts more work than it can render fully. Another noticeable feature was the number of fathers and sons present which is good for them as well as Masonry.

An interesting address on a trip through Europe was given by Bro. F. Radcliffe, a member of the lodge, during the dinner hour.

North Gate Lodge, No. 591.—On Feb. 26th, I officially visited this lodge at the northern entrance to the city. North Gate is a young lodge but many of its members are old in Masonry and this accounts for the excellent manner in which the work of the first degree was exemplified by the officers of this lodge. This lodge is composed of a body of real friendly men who seek to make everything enjoyable for the members and visitors.

A large number of the brethren from Patterson lodge was present on this occasion.

Fairbank Lodge, No. 592.—On the evening of Feb. 16th, I officially visited Fairbank Lodge and enjoyed the work of the first degree as exemplified by the officers of this young lodge. The work was rendered in a careful, thoughtful manner and the prospects for the future of this lodge are bright as there is a large district to draw from.

Unity Lodge, No. 606.—I officially visited Unity Lodge on the evening of Mar. 14th and witnessed the

exemplification of the Master Mason's Degree in a highly commendable manner. Unity Lodge, while one of the younger lodges is in a flourishing condition and doing a good work. The work of the choir is good.

Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 607.—I had the pleasure of officially visiting this lodge on the evening of April 16th, when I witnessed a satisfactory rendering of the work of the first degree. Although a young lodge, the officers act as veterans. This lodge is a growing lodge and doing a good work for Masonry.

Grenville Lodge, U.D.—On Saturday evening, April 25th, I paid an official visit to this lodge and was well pleased with the work of the first degree as exemplified by the officers. This lodge was instituted on the 31st of January and the members are to be congratulated in securing the services of R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavell as the first master. This young lodge has a bright future and judging by the progress of the first few months will be one of the foremost lodges in Toronto. An excellent entertainment was provided by the male quartette of Metropolitan Lodge.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 31st, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, with the assistance of the following Present and Past Grand Lodge officers I instituted Grenville Lodge according to ancient custom.

R.W. Bro. L. E. Lane, D.D.G.M., Toronto District "D"; R.W. Bro. A. Murray, G.S.W., R.W. Bro. T. Forsyth, P.G.J.W.; R.W. Bros. C. Murphy, A. L. Tinker, E. A. Lewis, Dr. Slade, E. A. James, A. J. Brown, P.D.D.G.M's and other Grand Lodge officers.

A very enjoyable evening was spent and this new lodge with R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel as first Worshipful Master starts off with very bright prospects.

During the year I have been closely associated with the District Deputy Grand Masters in the other Toronto Districts and have enjoyed this association.

Without referring to any one in particular I desire to thank the many present and past Grand Lodge

officers, who accompanied me on different occasions. Their presence and advice has been a source of strength to me in my official duties and to them I am deeply indebted. I am also much indebted to V.W. Bro. C. Murray of the Masonic Temple, Toronto, for his many kindnesses.

In conclusion, I trust I have fulfilled my duties satisfactorily to the brethren. Wherein I have been successful I am pleased and wherein I have failed or fallen short, I ask the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

Sincerely and Fraternally submitted,

JNO. G. McDONALD, D.D.G.M.,  
Toronto District "C".



## TORONTO DISTRICT "D"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with great pleasure I submit for your consideration my report as the District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto Masonic District "D" for the past Masonic year.

May I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the brethren of District "D" who so kindly conferred on me the honor of representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in this District and for their courtesy, kindness and hospitality shown me on all occasions.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. E. W. Leith as District Secretary. I fully realized what a valuable asset his past experience would mean. He has rendered most valued assistance, ever ready to give good advice to the Secretary of the Lodges when necessary, and in all things perform his duties faithfully and well, and I take pleasure in expressing to him my appreciation. The several lodges within the district are doing good work, and honestly trying to maintain that high standard of work which we all appreciate. It has been my privilege to visit all the lodges within the District at least once and the greater number two or three times, and have received that loyalty and kindness which has made my year of office so pleasant.

It has also been my pleasure to attend the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on nine different occasions during my term and have also attended over one hundred other meetings.

I have had the honor of installing four sets of officers and have taken part in thirteen other installations.

Wor. Bro. E. W. Leith, District Secretary reports that the books and records of the several lodges are well kept and that the finances are in a healthy condition.

### Visitations

Grey Lodge, No. 589.—On September 12th, I visited Grey Lodge. The first degree was exemplified with full musical ritual. Wor. Bro. Dr. Armstrong, W.M. assisted by an efficient staff of officers and past masters, are doing good work in furthering the welfare of the Craft.

October 10th, it was again my pleasure to attend Grey Lodge on the occasion of the visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master when the third or sublime degree of a Master Mason was exemplified by Grand Lodge officers, and again a very enjoyable evening was spent.

True Blue, No. 98, Bolton.—On Oct. 17th I visited the True Blue Lodge, Bolton the E.A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner with one or two exceptions, these I drew their attention to and pointed out where I thought improvement could be made.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg.—I visited Union Lodge, Schomberg, on November 10th. The second or F.C. Degree was exemplified for my observation in a very creditable manner. The S.W. was particularly deserving of mention in the very able and efficient way in which he did his work, including the delivering of the charge in the degree, I called the attention of the W.M. where I thought a slight improvement could be made in the work among some of the junior officers.

University Lodge, No. 496.—On January 14th I paid my official visit to University Lodge. The W.M., Wor. Bro. Kirkland and his officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner, this was their first meeting since their installation and investiture, and were attended by their Past Masters. Sir Robert Falconer was the guest and speaker of the evening. He gave a very interesting address on the history of Canada since 1849. We spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Huron and Bruce, Lodge, No. 611.—On January 19th I visited Huron and Bruce Lodge and the first or E.A. degree was exemplified for my inspection by Wor. Bro. Major Alex. Lewis and his officers, and which was done in a very creditable manner, considering this being

the first meeting of the new officers since the installation and investiture. The lodge is well served by its Past Masters which is a good asset to any lodge.

January 23rd, it was our pleasure to attend the dedication service of the New Temple at Weston, on this date, which was conducted by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt in the absence of M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, assisted by a goodly array of Grand Lodge officers. The ceremony was performed in the presence of between 300 and 400 of the brethren.

War Veterans Lodge, No. 586.—This being the first regular meeting of War Veterans since their installation and investiture, the W.M. and officers conferred the first degree on Bro. Bauchas for my inspection, which was done in a very creditable manner, the J.D. and J.W. particularly deserving of mention for the able way in which they performed their respective duties. The W.M. is supported by a very earnest and sincere staff of officers and Past Masters, and are doing a good work.

Grey Lodge, No. 589.—On February 13th it was my pleasure to again visit Grey Lodge in my official capacity when the second or F.C. degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. McFarland and the newly elected officers. Particularly worthy of mention was the S.W. for the able manner in which he did his part of the work including the lecture on the tracing board, and I offered my congratulations to the W.M. for his clearness of enunciation and close observance of the ritual, in making the ceremony so impressive on the candidate.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 541.—I visited Tuscan Lodge on February 20th. The work of the evening was the conferring of the E.A. Degree by Wor. Bro. Christie and his officers and was done in a manner that reflects a great credit to the W.M. and officers and members as a whole. The W.M. was assisted in a very creditable manner by his Past Masters which I consider is a good asset to any lodge. Tuscan Lodge is doing good work in advancing the principals of Freemasonry and our Landmarks are well guarded by Wor. Bro. Christie and his very efficient staff of Past Masters.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410.—I paid my official visit to the Zeta Lodge on February 27th, and the E.A. Degree was exemplified with full musical ritual, and was done very satisfactorily by Wor. Bro. McGowan W.M. assisted by his officers and Past Masters. The W.M. did the work up to and including the obligation, a Past Master did the floor work, working tools and charge, the J.W. did his very well indeed, including the charge as did also the S.W., J.D. and Inner Guard. I received a real royal welcome as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384.—March 5th, 1925. It was my pleasure and privilege to visit Alpha Lodge on the above date, where I was loyally and enthusiastically received, and witnessed the exemplification of the first degree by Wor. Bro. Gullen and his staff of officers and past masters. It is needless to say the work was well done, in my humble judgment it was as near letter perfect as one could expect. The charity lecture was given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Tait, and the working tools presented by Wor. Bro. Thompson, both Past Masters of the lodge. A very eloquent and instructive address was given by Rev. Mr. Gullen of Detroit, brother of the Worshipful Master. It was indeed a splendid evening."

Shamrock Lodge, No. 533, March 17th.—I visited Shamrock Lodge in my official capacity on the above date, accompanied by Wor. Bro. H. J. Lamont, acting District Secretary for the evening the first degree was exemplified with full musical ritual, by Wor. Bro. Potts and his officers and past masters, and was done in a manner that was very acceptable. Wor. Bro. Potts gave me a very warm and cordial welcome as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master, and it was a pleasure for me to tender my congratulations to the W.M. and officers for the seriousness and impressiveness in which the work was done by all concerned.

Occident Lodge, March 18th.—It was my privilege to visit Occident Lodge on the above date, this being the Mother Lodge of my friends and colleagues, Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas Hall, D.D.G.M. Toronto District A. and Wor. Bro. Johnson his district secretary. The first degree was exemplified in a very dignified and impressive manner, the



east was arrayed in large numbers with active Past Masters, which speaks well for any lodge, and it was a pleasure for me to congratulate the W.M. on the work of the evening, and particularly did I mention the delivering of the charity lecture, which was given by a Past Master of the lodge, eighty-seven years of age. The books are also well kept.

Palestine Lodge, No. 559.—I visited Palestine Lodge on March 25th, officially, when the third or sublime degree of a M.M. was exemplified for my inspection which was done in a manner seldom excelled for clearness of enunciation and serious impressiveness of delivery by Wor. Bro. Brody, Wor. Master. Wor. Bro. Brody is well skilled in the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks, and Palestine Lodge is in good hands. It also is in the unique position of having all dues for 1925 paid, not one dollar of arrearage outstanding. They are also to be congratulated for their zeal and generosity with benevolence. They are doing a good work.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 572.—On March the 26th, I paid my official visit to the Mizpah Lodge when the exemplification of the first degree was put on for my observation by Wor. Bro. Trelcar, and his officers, and which was done very accurately and effectively. They were assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge and their part of the work was done in a very impressive manner. There was a large turnout of the members, and their average attendance at all meetings for the year have been good, which speaks well for the support given to the Worshipful Master and Officers.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410.—It was my pleasure and privilege to again visit Zeta Lodge on March 27th, accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master, and a goodly array of Grand Lodge Officers. We were received right loyally, by the W.M., Wor. Bro. MacGowan and spent a very pleasant evening. The work in the lodge room consisted of the exemplification of the sublime or Master Mason Degree and was very much enjoyed by all present.

Prince of Wales Lodge.—It was my privilege to attend the institution Ceremonies of Prince of Wales Lodge on March 31st. The ceremony was conducted by



R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Hall, D.D.G.M., Toronto District A, assisted by Grand Lodge officers, and Past Masters of city lodges; the ceremony was carried out in every particular according to requirements of the Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. Dr. Hopkins being the first Worshipful Master.

St. George Lodge, No. 367.—On April 3rd, I visited St. George Lodge. The first degree was exemplified for my inspection by Wor. Bro. T. B. Wells, W.M., and his officers, and was done in a very creditable manner. He was assisted by a number of Past Masters of the lodge, among whom were Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, and Wor. Bro. Nelson. It is needless for me to make any comment on the part of the work done by these Wor. Brethren, other than to say it was letter perfect and very impressively delivered.

Ulster Lodge, No. 537.—I attended Ulster Lodge on April 6th and was given a very hearty and loyal welcome as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master, the first degree was conferred very intelligently and impressively by Wor. Bro. Kerr, W.M., ably supported by a splendid staff of officers, not only was the work most proficient but there was a desire for instruction and for the dissemination of Masonic knowledge that made the meeting one of profitable appreciation. This is a truly great lodge with every indication of continued prosperity.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 570.—On April 7th I visited Dufferin Lodge for official inspection and was very enthusiastically received by the Wor. Master, officers and members, as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master. The first degree was conferred in a very solemn and dignified manner by Wor. Bro. W. R. Johnson and staff of very efficient officers. It was a pleasure for me to offer my congratulations to the W.M. and each of his officers, for the way in which they did the work not only was each one word perfect, but the dignity and seriousness with which it was delivered made I am sure, a lasting impression on the candidate and was very much appreciated.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 514.—I visit St. Alban's Lodge on April 20th, and was received most heartily by the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. C. C. Rance. The third or

sublime degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, the enunciation was clear and distinct and an impressive effect was in evidence throughout. I shall always have happy recollections of my official visit to St. Alban's Lodge, because of the dignity and solemnity with which the sublime degree was conferred.

Memorial Service, Victory Lodge, No. 547, April 22nd, 1925.—It was my privilege and pleasure to accompany the M.W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers to Victory Lodge on the above date, and witness the beautiful and solemn memorial service put on by Wor. Bro. Hedges and officers in the presence of about 1,000 members of the craft. It was a special ritual compiled by one of the members of Victory Lodge, and for which a special dispensation was granted. The following brethren gave very interesting addresses: Bros. Col. Kilpatrick, Col. Cooper, Capt. Cecil Williams, Wor. Bro. Somerville.

Robertson Lodge, King, No. 292.—It was my privilege to visit Robertson Lodge on May 4th. The work of the evening was the first or E.A. degree and was exemplified in a manner that was very acceptable to me and reflects great credit on the Wor. Master and his efficient staff of officers. There was a number of visiting brethren from the city as well as from the surrounding country, and a very enjoyable hour was spent at the fourth degree where I was again right royally entertained. The prospects of Robertson Lodge appear to be very bright.

Vaughan Lodge, Maple, No. 54.—I visited Vaughan Lodge, officially on May 5th. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree, which was conferred by the Wor. Master and officers of the lodge, in a very impressive and creditable manner, and I felt it my duty to congratulate the W.M. and each of his officers and particularly the J.W. and J.D. for the dignity and solemnity in which the degree was conferred. There were a number of visiting brethren present from the surrounding lodges as well as from Toronto.

I also considered it my duty to congratulate Vaughan Lodge on their beautiful Masonic Home, the decorations, appointments and furniture, are all that could be de-

sired, and reflect great credit on the committee responsible for the undertaking.

Peel Lodge, No. 463, Caledon East.—It was my privilege and pleasure to visit Peel Lodge on May 8th, where I was right royally received as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree, and I was greatly impressed with the dignity and excellency for the work of each and every officer. The lodge is to be congratulated on their beautiful Masonic Home, there appears to be a commendable spirit of aggressiveness and a pleasing fraternal unity of harmonious endeavor in the lodge.

Victory Lodge, No. 547.—I visited Victory Lodge on May 13th on my official inspection. The first degree was exemplified in a very acceptable manner by Wor. Bro. Gilson, officers and past masters of the lodge. Particularly worthy of mention were the Wor. Master, Junior Warden and Junior Deacon, Precision and dignity being greatly in evidence. This was an emergent meeting and the attendance was not as large as at the regular meetings, but this did not detract in any way from the dignity and solemnity of the work.

Antiquity Lodge, No. 571.—I paid my official visit to Antiquity Lodge on May 20th, and received a very hearty reception as the representative of M.W. the Grand Master. The work of the evening was conferred in a very dignified and sincere manner which called for words of commendation to Wor. Bro. Herriot and his staff of very efficient officers, in every way the work was done in a very acceptable manner and could not fail to leave a lasting impression on the candidate. Antiquity Lodge is to be congratulated on the progress it is making in its sphere of activity.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge.—On the evening of June 5th we motored to Woodbridge to inspect the work of Blackwood Lodge, notwithstanding the great heat that prevailed on that occasion. There was a good attendance of the members and visitors from the city and surrounding lodges. I received a very hearty reception. The work of the evening was the exemplifica-

tion of the second or F.C. degree, and it was my privilege to offer words of commendation to Wor. Bro. Watson and his officers for the very dignified and sincere manner in which they conferred the degree which would compare favorably with the best of city lodges. Wor. Bro. Watson has the support of a very enthusiastic and efficient group of Past Masters, which is a good asset to any lodge.

And in conclusion, may I add that my term of office has been one of great pleasure, and may I also express to all the Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Past Masters, my appreciation for their loyal support and assistance which has so materially helped me discharge my duties.

Fraternally submitted,

L. E. LANE, D.D.G.M.,  
Toronto District "D"

## VICTORIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District for the Masonic year just closing.

I greatly appreciate the honor that has been conferred on me by being elected to the high and important office of Representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, an honor I appreciate all the more because I did not seek it.

I wish to thank the lodges in the district for their never-failing courtesy and hospitality extended to me on every occasion. All the Past D.D.G.M.'s were very kind, and rendered me valuable assistance on many of my visits.

Particularly do I wish to thank my District Secretary, R.W. Bro. H. J. Townley, (the able secretary of Spry Lodge, No. 406). He accompanied me on every visit throughout the district, and I cannot speak too highly of the splendid service and support rendered by him at all times during my year of office.

The condition of Masonry as a whole in Victoria District exceeded my expectations. I found the twelve lodges working in harmony and brotherly love, and I can freely say that I found in every lodge the principles of Masonry being upheld with truth, honor and justice.

The secretaries are all efficient in their work and are to be commended on the manner in which the records of the different lodges are kept. I found all the buildings and contents to be fully insured, and in every lodge the dues were almost fully paid.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Babcaygeon.—On the 3rd of April I made the first of my official visits to this lodge, a number of the brethren from my home lodge accompanying me. There were also a large number of visitors from Lindsay and other places present.



I was introduced by R.W. Bro. A. E. Bottum, and received a hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. Kelly, on behalf of the lodge. The third degree was conferred in a manner that was almost word perfect. This lodge is splendidly furnished and is fortunate in having a number of Past Masters who always take an active interest in the work. Wor. Bro. Kelly proved himself a most capable officer, and I thoroughly enjoyed the splendid reception I received at his hands.

Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls.—On Good Friday in each year, this lodge, (my mother lodge) holds a special meeting. Commencing at 3.30 p.m. the lodge is opened. A degree conferred, after which the lodge is called from labor to refreshment. Then at 8 o'clock labor is resumed, another degree is conferred if necessary. It is also the occasion of the official visit of the D.D.G.M. Invitations are sent to all the surrounding lodges, and a miniature lodge of instruction is held. This year I asked R.Wor. Bro. R. W. Groves of Lindsay to officiate for me. There was a splendid attendance. R.W. Bro. J. B. Begg and R.W. Bro. Ralph Clark of Lindsay and a large number of Past Masters from other lodges being present.

Wor. Bro. Dr. E. A. White, conferred the second degree, and both he and his officers of Spry Lodge are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which the work was exemplified. At the evening meeting Wor.;Bro. Harry Linney of Bracebridge, gave a very interesting and instructive address on the history of Masonry, which was much enjoyed by all.

Faithful Brethren, No. 77, and Gothic, No. 608, Lindsay.—I made my official visit to these two lodges at a joint meeting, on the first day of May, 1925. The attendance was splendid, being the largest meeting of the whole district.

The officers of Gothic Lodge, under the able leadership of Wor. Bro. A. J. McBride, conferred the second degree in a faultless manner.

Wor. Bro. Porter and the officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. Both lodges are to be congratulated in having such capable

and pains taking officers which was reflected in the excellent manner in which the work was exemplified.

The secretaries of both lodges, Bro. C. L. Davidson and Bro. W. R. Alleyly, have their books in splendid shape, and deserve the esteem and applause of the brethren.

North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton.—I visited this lodge on April 16th, and was accompanied by R.W. Bros. Ralph Clark, A. E. Bottum and H. J. Townley. The comfortable lodge room was well filled. The second degree was rendered in a manner that was a credit to the lodge. Wor. Bro. Hadley is to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which he and his officers have the work. This lodge owns its own building. The books are well kept by the efficient secretary, Bro. Fred Jones.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton.—A large attendance of members and visitors greeted me on my official visit to this lodge on the 5th of May. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. D. W. Walls, and received a splendid welcome on behalf of the lodge by Wor. Bro. Angus MacKay.

The second degree was well put on and reflected great credit on the lodge. The W.M. was ably assisted by a large number of active Past Masters. I was pleased and honored to have with me at this meeting, the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Kidd of Cannington.

This lodge has purchased a new building and the brethren are getting ready to move soon. Bro. W. C. Latimer is an able and efficient secretary and has his books in good shape.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount.—I visited this lodge on the 7th of May. The attendance was good, there being a number of brethren from Coboconk, Fenelon Falls and other places. There being no candidate for degrees the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. This lodge has a number of Past Masters, and it would be well if the officers would all get together and hold regular practices, in order to attain that degree of perfection for which this lodge has been noted. They

own their own building, the books are well kept and dues well paid.

They are to be congratulated on having such a good secretary in the person of W. Bro. C. W. Wellstood.

King George V. Lodge, No. 498, Coboconk.—On the 11th May, I made my official visit to this lodge, and a more enthusiastic meeting has not been held in the district. Visitors were there from Fenelon Falls, Kinmount, Kirkfield and as far away as Toronto. The manner in which the work of the third degree was put on by Wor. Bro. Hall and his officers was simply wonderful. So well was it exemplified that there was scarcely any room for criticism.

I was sorry that the secretary, Wor. Bro. Chas. Callan was ill and unable to be present. His books and accounts were found to be in excellent condition, and this lodge is to be congratulated on its splendid officers and Past Masters.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield.—My official visit to this lodge was made on the 15th of May. I was greatly pleased with the splendid turnout of members and visitors. Many Past D.D.G.M.'s and Past Masters motored over from Lindsay and the meeting was a great success.

Wor. Bro. J. D. McMillan and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very capable manner. They own their own lodge room and take a great interest in the welfare of Masonry. The books and accounts are well kept under the able direction of the secretary, Wor. Bro. W. T. McRae.

With the splendid staff of officers and Past Masters I can safely bespeak a bright future for Victoria Lodge.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee.—I visited this lodge on the 28th May, and was most cordially received by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Hartt, and his officers.

Many visitors were there from Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls. The second degree was conferred in a manner that would do credit to many of the larger lodges in the district, and the W.M. and officers of Lorne

Lodge are to be congratulated for the splendid interest they have taken in getting the work up so well.

Bro. W. J. Thorne is an able and efficient secretary, and has his books in splendid shape. With such a deeply interested membership the prosperity of this lodge is assured.

Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville.—In spite of the severe electrical storm on the first of June, there was a splendid attendance at this lodge on my official visit. The work of the second degree under the able leadership of Wor. Bro. J. R. Kelsey was rendered most creditably, there being very little cause for criticism. The officers all have their work up well. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, the books and accounts are well kept, under the capable management of Wor. Bro. A. E. Stabback.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden.—I visited this lodge officially on the 5th of June, and had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year. Owing to the extremely warm evening the work of conferring degrees was left over until the following meeting.

There are four members waiting for degrees, and judging from the splendid set of officers I installed, I have no doubt that Arcadia Lodge will give a good account of itself during the coming Masonic year.

In conclusion, permit me to say that the condition of Masonry in Victoria District is excellent. The spirit of true brotherhood prevails in all the lodges, and at all the meetings the members displayed a general attitude of dignity and proper decorum in the transaction of lodge business and in the conferring of degrees. All the lodges are well insured and I found the dues are well paid.

The year just closing will be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life, and my visits to the different lodges of the district will ever remain a very pleasant memory.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. BURGOYNE, D.D.G.M.,  
Victoria District.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting herewith a summary of Masonic conditions and activities in Wellington District, permit me to express my deep appreciation of the confidence extended to me by the Brethren of the District, by having elected me to the office of D.D.G.M. for 1924-25.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation of the assistance rendered by Wor. Bro. H. Hignell, Guelph Lodge, No. 258, who kindly consented to act as District Secretary for the year.

Before giving you the detailed summary of visits, I would like to submit a few thoughts in a general way.

The high degree of efficiency shown by each lodge in the district in the exemplification of the different degrees is a tribute, not only to the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers, of the lodges, but is a tribute to the work of my predecessors, in having asked for a high standard of work throughout the district. This is evidenced by the uniformity of the work, as laid down by Grand Lodge. The selection of the Junior Officers in the lodges speaks well for the future, and will play a great part in maintaining the traditions of Ancient Freemasonry throughout Wellington District.

We have been assured by the Brethren throughout the district that the present year has been a successful one, not only from the number of new applications and the quality in the selection of candidates, but also on account of the splendid spirit of harmony and co-operation that has existed among the sister lodges. On assuming office, in my letter to the Worshipful Masters, I asked that an effort be made for an interchange of visits. I also asked for the support of the P.D.D.G.M.'s by their attendance at as many meetings as possible. This has resulted in a larger average attendance and more interesting meetings.



Official visits were made to every lodge in the district, at which a degree was conferred. In addition to this, I endeavored to make a preliminary visit to each lodge before making the official visit. With one or two exceptions this was accomplished. A list of official visits follows:

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg, Sept. 29th, 1924.—By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master my first official duty was to dedicate the new lodge room of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg. To me this will ever be remembered as one outstanding event in my Masonic experience, because of the assistance rendered by the Past Masters of my Mother Lodge, Guelph, No. 258, and of Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph, who composed the personnel of the different Grand Officers for the evening. I was also ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. Schiedel, P.D.D.G.M.; Rt. Wor. Bro. S. Hemphill and several past masters from Kitchener and Waterloo. The desire of the members of New Dominion Lodge to have suitable quarters had been uppermost in their minds for some time and the splendid new quarters, including banquet hall and lounge room, is a tribute to their efforts, as most of the work of decorating and furnishing was done by individual members at a very small cost to the lodge. Many lodges in the district were represented in most cases by the ruling master, in addition to members from the neighboring district, New Hamburg being the extreme western lodge in this district. A programme of speeches and song, in which the visiting brethren joined in wishing New Dominion continued success in their new quarters, brought a delightful evening to a happy end.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, Oct. 3rd, 1924.—My first official visit to witness a degree was made to Mercer Lodge, No. 347, on October 3rd, 1924. Wor. Bro. Evan Stephenson, W.M. and his officers exemplified the E.A. Degree. Though possibly one of the youngest Masters in the district, he demonstrated in a most creditable manner his ability as a ruler in the Craft. Mercer Lodge is fortunate in having a bright active set of officers, ably coached in the work by Rt. Wor. Bro. P. Perry and V.W. Bro. W. A. Ross, both of whom are well known in Wellington District for their zeal for the

institution. Mercer Lodge is to be congratulated on having men of this type among their members to take an active interest in lodge affairs.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr., October 13th, 1924.—Ayr Lodge was visited on October 13th at which the F.C. Degree was exemplified. As in the previous lodge visited, Ayr lodge is fortunate in having Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Woolner as a member and the work done by the Wor. Master and Officers reflected his careful teaching. Ayr Lodge has one of the nicest small lodge rooms in the district and is to be congratulated in owning their own Masonic Home. They are looking forward with much enthusiasm to celebrating their 60th Anniversary in the Spring of 1925, at which the G.M. and G.S. have promised to be present.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, Oct. 14th, 1924—I visited Conestogo Lodge on Oct. 14th. This lodge has spacious commodious lodge rooms, well furnished and compares favorably with any quarters in the District. Wor. Bro. Metcalf and his officers put on a first degree in a very satisfactory manner. Brethren from Mercer Lodge, Fergus; Grand River, Kitchener; and neighboring lodges helped swell the attendance at this meeting, which was very gratifying. At the conclusion of the lodge meeting Rev. Bro. Webb of Kitchener was the speaker of the evening, and his address was most interesting and inspiring.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston. October 17th, 1924—This was the occasion of a red letter night in Preston Lodge. Having secured new quarters in the Zieman Block, the dedication of same was performed in the presence of a large turnout of members and visitors from the sister lodges in the district. In this, I was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary, and past masters from Guelph, Speed Grand River, Kitchener; and Credit Lodge, Georgetown; and Mercer Lodge of Fergus, including Rt. Wor. Bros. Schiedel, R. S. Hamilton, B. W. Zieman, H. Edgar. Preston Lodge has always enjoyed the confidence and good will of the sister lodges in the district and their securing of new quarters is another sign of their prosperity and enterprise. Possibly no other

lodge in Wellington District can boast of more complete quarters, beautifully furnished, well lighted and more cheerful surroundings including lodge room, banquet hall, lounge room and corridors. Great pains have been taken to secure the best of everything, thereby making a permanent home. The ceremony of dedication was most impressibly rendered by the P.D.D.G.M's and Past Masters ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan.

Waterloo Lodge, No. 539, Waterloo, Nov. 5th, 1924.—One of the largest meetings in the District greeted me at my official visit to Waterloo Lodge on this occasion, which shows how highly their officers and members are esteemed among the sister lodges in Wellington District. Until this year, Waterloo was the baby lodge in this District, having been the newest addition to a healthy family. Wor. Bro. Grosz and a very capable staff of Past Masters, including Rt. Wor. Bro. Hemphill as secretary, conferred the E.A. Degree in a superb manner with musical ritual. This added much to the ceremony and the members showed by their taking part in it, that it was a customary thing at their meetings. Wor. Bro. Crosz, W.M., deserves special mention for his efforts on this occasion. The high esteem in which he is held was shown by a presentation to him of a Wor. Masters Collar by a member of the lodge who desired his name to be withheld. Adjournment was made to the library where the toast to Grand Lodge was most fittingly honoured.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, November 17th, 1924.—Official visit was made to Walker Lodge, Acton, with Wor. Bro. D. McTavish presiding. The E.A. Degree was conferred in their new quarters which had been just opened. Walker Lodge now enjoy quarters which are comfortable, airy and well appointed, something which the members have looked forward to for sometime. The personnel of the officers of Walker Lodge is unique, in the fact that a large percentage of their officers live in the country adjacent to Acton and in spite of the fact that it makes it more difficult to attend lodge meetings, they have enjoyed a good average attendance. The W.M. is well qualified and rendered the work in a most impressive manner, as evidenced by the fact that he has been

given a second term as W.M. He is ably assisted by Wor. Bro. W. Cooper, P.M. and Wor. Bro. M. MacDonald P.M. as secretary, both of whom are known throughout Wellington District as untiring in their efforts to promote the best interests of the Craft. A splendid programme of speech and song was enjoyed by the members at the conclusion of the Degree.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, November 21st, 1924.—My visit to Irvine Lodge was one of the most enjoyable during my year. Irvine Lodge stands out prominently as a body of Masonic Enthusiasts, as in everything they do they endeavor to excel. Although having had only one candidate last year their conferring of the E.A. Degree by Wor. Bro. J. Burt and his Past Masters and Officers was a masterpiece. The assistance of the Past Masters to the Master and Junior Officers possibly has a great deal to do with their efficiency and by a perusal of the register I found that they were constant in their attendance at regular and emergent meetings. Their lodge quarters are in keeping with their work, being nicely laid out, clean and airy.

Twin City Lodge, No. 509, Kitchener, November 28th, 1924.—As expected, my visit to Twin City Lodge found an excellent set of officers and past masters, assisting Wor. Bro. Kirkpatrick. The E.A. Degree was exemplified with musical ritual and male choir. The home-like lodge room, beautifully furnished, adds much to the ceremony. As in most city lodges, owing to so many counter attractions, the attendance is not so good as in the smaller lodges. The Junior Warden's charge was particularly well done, and the candidate being the son of the present Junior Warden, added interest to it. Twin City is fortunate in having Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. DeKleinhans, P.D.D.G.M. as Secretary, who is able to render them valuable service in maintaining a high standard of proficiency in their degree work.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, December 2nd, 1924.—I visited Galt Lodge on the above date, but as this is their date of election of officers, I did not have the opportunity of witnessing a degree. The harmony which existed during the election, which resulted in unanimous



votes to nearly all the officers, speaks well for the coming year. A good turnout of their members for this meeting shows an active interest in lodge matters.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt, December 26th, 1924.—The occasion of my official visit to Alma Lodge was made on their Annual Past Masters' Night. This is one of Alma's big nights, when their past masters are called on to fill the different chairs. The E.A. Degree was conferred in a creditable manner. At this meeting, I had the opportunity of again meeting some of the oldest Past Masters in the District, Alma Lodge being one of the oldest lodges in Ontario. At the conclusion of the degree a splendid fourth degree was put on. Too much cannot be said of the ability as entertainers, of the Maple Leaf Quartette who have made a name for themselves throughout Ontario at after dinner functions. Bro. Mc Murdo, Henselwood, Fleming and McGregor very kindly offered to come to Guelph to entertain the Guelph brethren at a later date.

Glenrose Lodge, Elmira, January 13th, 1925.—For several years past the brethren living in Elmira have felt that they should have a lodge in their town. Having given it the necessary investigation, I recommended to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that it was advisable to grant a dispensation to institute a lodge there. This having been granted, we instituted Glenrose Lodge, Elmira, on this date. In this, I was assisted by: Wor. Bro. Hignell, District Secretary; R.W. Bro. M. Schiedel. P.D.D.G.M.; A. Betchel, P.M., Waterloo, 539; Geo. Grosz, W.M., Waterloo 539; Chas. Merrit, Waterloo 539; W. Werner, P.M., Grand River 151.

The esteem in which the brethren in Elmira are held was best shown by the attendance at this meeting of a number of brethren from the sister lodges of Kitchener and Waterloo, with which most of the Elmira brethren are affiliated. The quarters in which they meet, while small, are nicely laid out and easy of access. They were fortunate in securing the furniture from Preston Lodge, who has recently moved into new quarters and who had purchased new fittings leaving their old furniture available for Elmira and while still in good condition did not meet with the requirements of Preston Lodge.



I feel that in the present officers of Glenrose Lodge, they have the right type of men to make a success of their endeavors.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Kitchener, March 10th, 1925.—My official visit to Grand River was the occasion of a splendid turnout, of not only members but of past masters. This, I appreciated very much. Wor. Bro. Bray as W.M. has the qualifications that go to make a successful ruler of the Craft. Grand River is one of the largest in Wellington District and their enthusiasm in Masonic matters is to be admired. As in Twin City, the sister lodge in Kitchener, they are indeed fortunate in having such comfortable lodge quarters, including a splendid club room adjoining, which is properly made use of. The conferring of the E.A. Degree was indeed splendidly done. The selection of the Junior Officers to ultimately become successful Worshipful Masters, is given particular attention in this lodge. The presence of R.W. Bro. M. Schiedel, my immediate predecessor, and to whom I owe much for his efforts to assist me, added much to this visit.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph, March 20th, 1925.—Friday, March 20th, 1925, will ever live in the experience of the members of the Craft Lodges in the City of Guelph as one of the big events in its history.

Speed, Guelph and Waverley Lodges combined in a joint effort to tender a reception to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, and to R.W. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary.

Having so many opportunities of seeing the degrees conferred in the three sister lodges in Guelph, the suggestion was made to dispose with three separate functions, as official visits, and combine in one big event to take the form of a reception to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, thereby giving opportunity to the members to become personally acquainted with the Rulers of the Craft.

The details incident to this reception were worked out by a joint committee from the three lodges headed by Worshipful Masters, viz.: Wor. Bro. J. Goulden,

Speed; Wor. Bro. J. Grieve, Guelph; Wor. Bro. W. H. Hinman, Waverley; assisted by their Wardens.

Promptly at 7.45 p.m. I had the honor of introducing to the 279 assembled brethren in the lodge room, the capacity of which was taxed to the utmost, our two distinguished brethren, M.W. Bro. Drope and R.W. Bro. Logan. Owing to the recent illness of the Grand Master, his address to the brethren was of necessity short, but of such an excellent nature as to fully compensate for its being brief. The ovation tendered by the brethren surely must have impressed him as to the high degree of favor in which he is held by the brethren of this city. He was followed in a short address by R.W. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary, who in his inimitable manner held their interest.

At the conclusion of these two addresses, Wor. Bro. David Young, P.M. of Speed Lodge, who acted as W.M. during the reception, called on Wor. Bro. J. Goulden of Speed Lodge to close down.

At the after meeting we were favored with speeches by both M.W. Bro. Drope and R.W. Bro. Logan. The Grand Master requested that R.W. Bro. Logan take up some of the time allotted to himself, to which the Grand Secretary graciously acceded. Bros. McMurdo, Henselwood and McGregor, entertainers of Galt, and Bro. H. Holgate of Guelph, as accompanist, supplied the programme and on this occasion they established themselves as peers in their profession.

Too much cannot be said of the benefit of the meeting. It had the desired effect of bringing the three lodges of Guelph into closer relationship. It also gave the opportunity to the brethren in Guelph of knowing in person, the two outstanding personages of Grand Lodge, whom they had toasted times without number, and I feel the effects of this will linger with them for many years to come. We deeply appreciate the sacrifice made by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, owing to his poor condition of health, in keeping his engagement to be with us.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, April 10, 1925.—Having visited Credit Lodge, unofficially last fall, I looked forward to this official visit with a great deal of pleasure. Wor. Bro. Norrington, ruling master, had in addition to a splendid staff of Junior Officers an outstanding set of Past Masters, who are not only competent but have that enthusiasm which means success in any lodge. The conferring of the degree, and the interest shown in their work marks them as one of the outstanding lodges in Wellington District.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg, April 13th, 1925.—This was my return visit to New Dominion, having dedicated their new quarters last fall. A splendid turnout of members and visitors greeted me on this occasion and Wor. Bro. Emslie and his officers are deserving of congratulations on their work.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, April 14th, 1925.—My visit to New Hope was the first opportunity I have had during the year to visit this lodge. Here again I found evidence of efficiency in Wor. Bro. F. Calvert, Wor. Bro. R. Logan, I.P.M., and Wardens and Officers. The exemplifications of the E.A. Degree was well done and in keeping with the same standard as I have found in most lodges in this district. While not in possession of the comfortable quarters of some of the lodges, they feel there is no place like home.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston, April 17th, 1925.—This was also a return visit, having dedicated this wonderful lodge room last fall. In addition to seeing one of the finest degrees conferred, I had the privilege of listening to the best male choir assisting that has been my privilege to hear during the whole year. The brethren, who were raised as Master Masons, could not help but be impressed by the solemnity of the musical ritual. Wor. Bro. Rogers, his P.M's and Officers are to be congratulated on their work and their lodge rooms.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden, May 8th, 1925.—Possibly the most interesting visit of the year was the visit to Wilmot Lodge, Baden. Wilmot Lodge has the distinction of being one of the oldest and smallest lodges in the district. Last year they celebrated their 50th

anniversary, and I am informed that their membership has always maintained a level of from 30 to 40 members. Their present resident membership is 10. Out of their officers only the Wor. Master and Jr. Warden are residents in Baden. Yet they conferred the E.A. Degree without doubt second to none in Wellington District. I feel Wor. Bro. Livingstone deserves this special mention in view of the handicap they are under of holding meetings. Some of their members and officers drive 9 miles to attend each meeting. They also have quarters that, while small, are a model of neatness and cleanliness.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr, May 11th, 1925.—My last official visit to the district was made to Ayr Lodge, No. 172, on May 11th, 1925. This was also the occasion of their 60th anniversary. Lodge opened at 4. p.m. Wor. Bro. Cuthbertson and his officers conferred the F.C. Degree in due form. Following this degree, a presentation of a past master jewel was made to Wor. Bro. Anderson for long and faithful service.

Luncheon was served at 7.30 to which invitations had been sent to the ruling masters of all lodges in Wellington District. In addition to this R.W. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary, was present, representing the Grand Master who through illness was unable to attend. R.W. Bro. Dr. Ward Woolner, P.D.D.G.M. gave a most interesting paper on the past history of Ayr lodge and the many trials and tribulations through which they had passed.

R.W. Bro. Logan once more established himself among the brethren of Wellington District as being pre-eminent as an after dinner speaker. The visitors present joined in wishing Ayr Lodge continued success. The officers and Past Masters, including of course Wor. Bro. Cuthbertson, W.M., are deserving of much credit not only for the manner in which they conferred the degree, but for the splendid arrangements for their birthday party.

Speed, No. 180; Guelph, No. 258; Waverley, No. 361, Guelph—Although no official visit was made to the lodges in Guelph, it was my privilege and pleasure to visit each of them on many occasions during the year.



It would be unfair, if it were possible, to single out any lodge for special mention. The efficiency shown by the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers is best reflected in the high average attendance of members in each lodge. In Wor. Bro. Goulden, Speed, No. 180; Wor. Bro. J. G. Grieve, Guelph, No. 258; Wor. Bro. H. W. Hinman, Waverley, No. 361; we have three outstanding rulers who are rendering splendid service to the Craft.

### Lodge of Instruction

Wednesday, May 20th, 1925.—The annual Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Guelph, when the following program was carried out under the auspices of Waverley Lodge, No. 361:

1.45, Lodge opened by Wor. Bro. Hinman, Waverley, No. 361, Guelph.

2.00, E.A. Degree by Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus.

4.00, F.C. Degree by Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown.

7.45, Lodge opened in M.M. Degree, Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph.

8.00, Reception to R.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.G.M.

Reception to R.W. Bro. Hon. J. S. Martin.

Exemplification of M.M. Degree by Waverley Lodge, No. 361.

The conferring of the degrees during the afternoon and evening brought forth much praise from the visiting brethren. Mercer, Credit and Waverley Lodges demonstrated their ability in such a manner that left very little to suggest in the way of improvement. Many questions were asked, showing the desire for knowledge on the part of the brethren. Following the work in the lodge room, adjournment was made to the spacious banquet room where the brethren were treated to two most interesting addresses by R.W. Bro. Rowland, D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, for the Province of Ontario.



Representatives were present from the 19 lodges in the district and 15 of the 19 ruling masters were in attendance. 310 members registered and over 400 members greeted the D.G.M. in the banquet room.

In conclusion, I feel that Masonry in Wellington District is a real potent force, and by the attendance and enthusiasm shown we may expect a healthy condition for the future.

Many kind expressions of congratulations have been received from the Past Masters and Members as to the successful year we have had, in Wellington District, and as this is my final message, I want to say that if my efforts have met with their approval, they have been responsible for this success by their help and co-operation for which I once more tender my sincere thanks.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. R. PENFOLD, D.D.G.M.,  
Wellington District.

## WILSON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District.

First, I desire to express my appreciation to the brethren of this district for the honour conferred upon myself and Frederick Lodge, No. 217 in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the loyal support and goodfellowship extended to me through the district.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. J. S. Harding to act as District Secretary and I am very much indebted to him for his valuable assistance; unfortunately he was called to Amherstburg about the first of the present year. I then appointed Wor. Bro. Hargrave to that office and must say he has filled it perfectly.

The District Chaplain appointed by me was Wor. Bro. A. E. Steele and this worthy brother accompanied me on nearly all of my visits, I thank him for his devoted support.

My first real official duty was to Consecrate and Dedicate the baby lodge of Wilson District at Mount Elgin, this lodge is now known on the G.R.C. as Dereham, No. 624 and on this occasion I was given very great assistance from many P.D.D.G.M.'s and P.M.'s.

This lodge is in the hands of very capable officers and is growing rapidly. The district is again complete as we now have Vienna Lodge, No. 237, and Oriental Lodge, No. 181 back on our list, and the two Grand Old Masons of Wilson District are now happy and their presence in our district gives us pleasure; I mean R.W. Bro. Clutton of Vienna and Wor. Bro. Backus of Port Burwell. On May 20th under dispensation granted to Frederick Lodge, No. 217, a Lodge of Instruction was held at Delhi under my direction, the opening and closing cere-

monies and the three degrees were worked in an almost perfect manner and I feel sure those present were paid for their attendance at the Sixteenth Annual Lodge of Instruction for Wilson District.

Space will not permit the detailed account of my visits but the work throughout the district is very uniform and in the hands of efficient officers who in most every case are supported, advised and criticized by the Past Masters who are the back-bone of every lodge.

Finally I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support, and goodfellowship that has made my work a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

MAX MACPHERSON,  
D.D.G.M. Wilson District.

## WINDSOR DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Having been requested by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to fill the unexpired term of R.W. Bro. Geddes, District Deputy Grand Master of Windsor District, who was transcended to the Grand Lodge above on the eleventh day of May, 1925, while on his way to attend the annual meeting of the Synod, I beg to submit this my report on the condition of Masonry for the District as I have found from reports left by R.W. Bro. Geddes, together with my findings since his death.

The sudden death of R.W. Bro. Geddes was a distinct shock to the whole District. By his diligence in discharging the duties of his office of D.D.G.M., he has gained the esteem and confidence of the Order in the District to a marked degree and the Officers and Members of the various lodges were profoundly grieved at his sudden death.

He had given so freely of his time and energy in fulfilling the duties of the office that he had officially visited all but three lodges in the District and to them he had paid fraternal visits. Conscientious in his work and discharging the duties of the office with dignity, the Craft throughout the District had formed a high opinion of him as an officer and as a Mason, a testimony of which was shown by the very large attendance at his funeral.

The first duty performed by R.W. Bro. Geddes was to appoint W. Bro. H. R. Johnston to the office of District Secretary.

The outstanding event in Masonry during the term was the instituting of Peele Island Lodge. R.W. Bro. Geddes and a number of the members of the District visited Pelee Island and formally opened the Lodge on December the fifth.

On June the fifth about one hundred brethren from the District accompanied me on an official visit to Pelee

Island where a very pleasant and profitable day was spent, and the officers exemplified the work in a very creditable manner. The brethren of Pelee Island deserve a great deal of credit for, though few in numbers, they have shown an exceptional enthusiasm and have purchased a property where they expect in a short time to have a lodge home free from debt.

Freemasonry in Windsor District is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. Each lodge seems to be doing its best to uphold the dignity of Masonry. Harmony prevails throughout the District and many visits are exchanged between the various lodges, which in addition to the social benefits received has done a great deal to make the work uniform throughout the District and has spurred each lodge on in an endeavor to do the perfect work.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. DALZIEL, D.D.G.M.,  
Windsor District.



## NOTICES OF MOTION

The Grand Secretary read the following Notices of Motion, which had been given within the statutory time:

1. By M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P.G.M.—

To amend section 13 of the Constitution by deleting the words "The Grand Secretary" from the fourth and fifth lines of the section and adding to the section the following words, "Except the Grand Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes and continue without reappointment during the pleasure of the Board of General Purposes."

2. By R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M.—

That Rule 1 on Benevolence be amended by striking out all the words in the clause after the word "application" in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the following:—"The amount of the grant depending in each instance on the need for assistance and the ability of the lodge to provide the necessary relief."

3. By R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M.—

That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence as No. 11 (a). "In cases of extreme and urgent necessity, where proper and sufficient relief may be restricted under these rules, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, may make special grants as may be considered necessary." "All such cases of special grants shall be reported at the next annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes."

4. By W. Bro. G. C. Kirby.—

That section 219 of the Constitution be amended to read:—"Any brother who neglects to pay his dues may be suspended for such neglect by his lodge, but may be restored by payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and such further sum, if any, as the lodge may require, not exceeding the amount of regular lodge dues for the period he was suspended, and then only by a three-fourth ballot vote of the members present at regular meeting."

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Burritt, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, and resolved: That the several Notices of Motion be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WARRANTS

The Report of the Board on Warrants was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Warrants, begs leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of lodges under dispensation and recommend that warrants be issued to the following :

Hatherly Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, Nipissing District, as No. 625.

Stamford Lodge, South End, Niagara District, as No. 626.

Pelee Lodge, Scudder, Windsor District, as No. 627.

Glenrose Lodge, Elmira, Wellington District, as No. 628.

Grenville Lodge, Toronto, Toronto C District, as No. 629.

Prince of Wales, Toronto, Toronto A District, as No. 630.

and that the dispensations granted to:

Manitou Lodge, Emo, Algoma District and

Long Branch Lodge, Mimico, Toronto A District, be continued for another year.

Your committee is pleased to report that the books and records are all in proper form and to congratulate the officers of the several lodges on the clear and concise manner in which the minutes are recorded and the accounts kept.

We believe there is a bright future for every one of these lodges. Each one seems to fill a vacant niche and to be starting its work under the very best auspices. May they long continue to prosper.

Fraternally submitted.

A. J. YOUNG,  
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, and resolved: That the Report on Warrants be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies was presented by R. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, as follows:

The Committee of Printing and Supplies, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:

1. It is most gratifying to your Committee to be able to report, that notwithstanding the very substantial increase in membership throughout the jurisdiction, we are able to say that our operations for the year just closed are unexcelled from the standpoint of expense, by comparison with those of previous years. We have closed our accounts this year with a balance of approximately \$1,500.00 below the estimated expenditure, which was \$7,000.00, as against our actual outlay of \$5,572.01, which includes items, lower in each case, than the cost for similar items in the preceding year.

2. We are also pleased to say that the work of our contractors, Robert Duncan & Co., likewise justifies our utmost expectations in regard to the excellence of their service. Our requirements have been in every instance promptly and satisfactorily met, and it affords us untold pleasure to be able to state that every demand we have made has been completed in the promptest manner and to our entire satisfaction.

3. The following analysis of our Printing Account for 1924-25 speaks for itself:—

### Analysis of Printing Account for 1924-25

Preliminary reports, Grand Lodge 1924.....	\$148. 89
Ceremonies.....	44. 10
Letter books.....	\$6. 95
Binding returns and index cards.....	242. 97
Cheque books.....	170. 63
Certificates.....	463. 39
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	883. 94

Stationery and supplies.....	140. 18
Christmas cards.....	22. 05
Circulars.....	79. 00
Constitutions.....	1,811. 67
Proceedings.....	2,422. 18

Fraternally submitted,	<u>\$5,552. 01</u>
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R. F. RICHARDSON,  
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The Report of the Board on Audit and Finance was presented by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, as follows:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, through the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. We have also audited the Annual Statement for the year ending May 31st, 1925, and find it correct. It is certified by the Auditor of Grand Lodge. The books are in good condition and are excellently kept.

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

#### Receipts for the Year ending May 31st, 1925

Balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1924.....	\$19,910. 89	
Less outstanding cheques	1,629. 78	
		<u>\$18,281. 11</u>
Dues and Fees from Lodges	126,247. 70	
Interest on investments.....	16,792. 78	
Interest on bank deposits...	728. 45	
		<u>\$143,768. 93</u>
Debentures matured.....	5,143. 88	148,912. 81
		<u>\$167,193. 92</u>

**Expenditure for Year ending May 31st, 1925**

General Charges.....	\$31,366. 46	
Benevolent orders.....	102,900. 00	
		\$134,266. 46
Debentures purchased.....		14,523. 10
		<u>\$148,789. 56</u>
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1925.....	\$21,736. 23	
Less outstanding cheques...	3,331. 87	
		<u>18,404. 36</u>
		<u>\$167,193. 92</u>

**SEMI-CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT****Receipts for Year ending May 31st, 1925**

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1924.....	\$1,755. 78	
Less outstanding cheques...	575. 00	
		<u>\$1,180. 78</u>
Received from Lodges.....	\$80. 00	
Interest on investments.....	5,118. 30	
Interest on bank deposits.....	64. 72	
Benevolence cheques cancelled.....	140. 00	
		<u>5,403. 02</u>
Debentures matured.....		9,400. 24
		<u>15,984. 04</u>

**Disbursements for Year ending May 31st, 1925**

Benevolence orders.....	\$4,960. 00	
Bonds purchased.....	9,624. 42	
		<u>14,584. 42</u>
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1925.....	\$2,294. 62	
Less outstanding cheques...	895. 00	
		<u>1,399. 62</u>
		<u>\$15,984. 04</u>

**ASSETS****GENERAL ACCOUNT**

At credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1925.....	\$21,736. 23	
Less outstanding cheques...	3,331. 87	
		<u>18,404. 36</u>
Investments as per schedule, face value....	\$311,335. 80	
		<u>\$329,740. 16</u>



## SEMI-CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT

At credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1925.....	\$2,294.62		
Less outstanding cheques...	895.00		
		1,399.62	
Investments as per schedule, face value....	\$103,456.71	\$104,856.33	
			\$434,597.25
			\$9,698.73
Increase over 1924, made up as follows:....			
Investments.....	\$9,356.64		
General Account.....	123.25		
Semi-Centennial account.....	218.84		
			\$9,698.73

A detailed statement of both accounts will be found in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

Guarantee bonds for the Grand Secretary, the assistant to the Grand Secretary and Miss Place, for \$5,000.00 each, issued by the Fidelity Insurance Company of Canada have been inspected by the Committee. The bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. Your committee recommend that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same at the expiry thereof.

Your Committee recommend that the honorarium to the Grand Treasurer's clerk be increased by \$100.00 to \$400.00.

Your Committee recommend to the Board of General Purposes that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary ascertain each year the amount of bonds and debentures maturing and insure against loss by robbery while in transit.

## ESTIMATES

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Fees, initiations.....	\$17,000.00
Fees, affiliations.....	700.00
Dues.....	100,000.00
Certificates.....	100.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	3,000.00
Dispensations.....	1,000.00
Commutations.....	5,200.00

Warrants.....	60.00
Musical Rituals.....	100.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,100.00
Interest on Investment General Fund.....	17,000.00
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	\$145,260.00

**Expenditure**

Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	\$400.00
Grand Secretary.....	6,000.00
Auditor.....	600.00
Office Staff.....	6,800.00
Incidental expenses.....	1,500.00
Printing and Stationery.....	5,500.00
Special printing.....	2,500.00
Certificates and warrants.....	700.00
Telephone.....	100.00
Insurance.....	180.00
Safety deposit box.....	40.00
Office rent.....	1,000.00
Postage on Proceedings.....	250.00
Grand Lodge expenses.....	4,000.00
Postage, D.G.M.....	20.00
Chairman Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00
Grand Master's allowance.....	1,500.00
Grand Master's stenographer.....	300.00
Testimonial.....	500.00
Grand Master's Expenses to the Grand Lodge of Ireland	1,000.00
D.G.M. allowance.....	250.00
Special commissions.....	150.00
Regalia and paraphernalia.....	200.00
Masonic Relief Association.....	265.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
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	\$35,005.00

Supervisor, Benevolence.....	\$3,000.00
Supervisor, stenographer.....	150.00
Trav. expenses, postage, etc.....	850.00
Inspector of benevolence.....	1,200.00
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	\$5,200.00
Benevolent grants.....	\$101,000.00
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	\$141,205.00

**SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND****Receipts**

Interest on Investments.....	\$5,100.00
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**Disbursements**

Benevolent grants.....	\$5,100.00
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Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,  
Chairman

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The Report of the Board on Benevolence was presented by R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs to report as follows:

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, has made interim grants to thirty-eight applicants, amounting to \$3,220.00 from the General Fund, and \$1,540.00 from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

699 Applications were received and disposed of as follows:

352 Granted through Local Boards amount to.....	\$ 53,500.00
344 Granted through Lodges amount to.....	48,440.00
3 Applications were declined.	
Special Grants authorized by Grand Lodge to	
Miss Mary Wilson .....	\$500.00
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75.00
	<hr/> \$ 575.00
Total amount of grants from the General Fund....	\$102,551.00
Total amount of interim grants (estimated) from	
General Fund .....	4,000.00
Grants recommended from interest of the Semi-Cen-	
tennial Fund at this Annual Communication....	3,510.00
Additional grants from the unexpended interest of	
the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	1,590.00
	<hr/> \$111,651.00
Less an approximate 5% reduction by inspection and	
death .....	5,582.00
	<hr/> \$106,069.00

The Committee recommends that all cheques for benevolence be issued subject to the inspector's report.

The grants made by the Lodges during the year as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s amount to about \$60,000.00.

The report shows a slight decrease below the report of last year, in both the number of applications and the amount granted.

We regret to report that forty-nine Lodges have neglected to comply with Section 4 (a) of the rules respecting benevolence, and are subject to the penalties imposed in Sections 2 and 160 of the Constitution, viz. :—

“That no Lodge which has not complied with Section 4 (a) shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof until such return shall have been completed.”

It is pleasing to note that none of these Lodges are among those which offended last year.

The returns of the Local Boards of Relief of Peterborough and St. Catharines have not been received for inclusion in this Report.

All Lodges so delinquent have been reported to the Credential Committee.

We would particularly call the attention of the incoming D.D.G.Ms. to Section 9 of the Rules respecting Benevolence, in the Constitution (Revision of 1924), Page 117, and urgently recommend that upon their official visits they impress upon the officers and brethren that the responsibility of caring for distressed brethren or dependents devolves upon the Lodges and that the assistance from Grand Lodge is but supplementary to their efforts.

Your Committee acknowledges with pardonable pride the high compliment paid to the benevolent work of Grand Lodge by Stevenson Lodge No. 218, of Toronto, which forwarded to the Grand Secretary a sum equal to fifty cents per member, to be devoted to the general benevolence of Grand Lodge. This evidence of high regard for duty is earnestly commended

to all Lodges of our obedience, with the hope that others may realize their responsibility and follow this worthy example. The Committee recommend that this donation be credited to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

The Committee recommend that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

The Committee also recommend that the Report of the Inspector of Benevolence Grants be printed as an Appendix to this Report.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROWE,  
Chairman.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR

W. J. Drope, Esq., Grand Master.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I herewith present my report as Inspector of Benevolent grants for the year 1924-1925.

There were 720 cases considered by the Committee 352 from Local Boards and 368 from Private Lodges.

Applications were made for 530 widows, 135 brethren, 41 orphans, 8 for wives, 2 for sisters and 4 for mothers.

The 530 applications for widows were disposed of as follows: 1 was granted \$20.00; 1 was granted \$30.00; 2 were granted \$40.00 each; 16 were granted \$50.00 each; 13 were granted \$60.00 each; 22 were granted \$80.00 each; 225 were granted \$100.00 each; 119 were granted \$150.00 each; 73 were granted \$200.00 each; 43 were granted \$250.00 each; 14 were rejected and 1 got married.

The 135 applications for brethren were disposed of as follows: 2 were granted \$50.00 each; 1 was granted \$60.00; 19 were granted \$100.00 each; 19 were granted \$150.00 each; 22 were granted \$200.00 each;



28 were granted \$250.00 each; 21 were granted \$300.00 each; 11 were granted \$400.00 each; 10 were rejected and 2 died.

The 41 applications for orphans were disposed of as follows: 1 was granted \$30.00; 1 was granted \$40.00; 2 were granted \$50.00 each; 1 was granted \$60.00; 14 were granted \$100.00 each; 11 were granted \$150.00 each; 3 were granted \$200.00 each; 5 were granted \$250.00 each; 1 was granted \$300.00; 2 were rejected.

Three wives were granted \$100.00 each; 3 were granted \$250.00 each; and 2 were rejected.

One sister was granted \$60.00 and 1 was granted \$80.00.

Two mothers were granted \$100.00 each, and 2 were granted \$150.00 each.

In addition to the above, grants were made from the revenue from the Semi-Centennial fund as follows:

Twenty-one widows were granted \$20.00 each; 22 were granted \$40.00 each; and 23 were granted \$50.00 each. Three brothers were granted \$40.00 each; 10 were granted \$50.00 each; 2 were granted \$100.00 each; and 1 was granted \$150.00. One orphan was granted \$40.00 and 4 were granted \$50.00 each; and one mother was granted \$40.00.

The applications include 186 who are over 70 years of age, 74 are between 70 and 75; 44 between 76 and 80; 39 between 81 and 85; 21 between 86 and 90; and 8 are over 90.

The disbursement of One Hundred Thousand Dollars has again demonstrated the splendid work done by Grand Lodge through your Committee on Benevolence. Five Hundred and Fifteen widows received substantial assistance, six wives worse than widowed (their husbands being inmates of Insane Asylums), two sisters and two old mothers also received financial relief. Thirty-nine orphans were fed and clothed and assisted in their education and one hundred and twenty-three brethren, all of whom are totally disabled, many of them being bed-ridden, were relieved as far as financial assistance could

give relief. The above does not include the many thousands of dollars expended by lodges and individual brethren.

In my visits to the various parts of the Province I have always met with the greatest consideration on the part of the officers of the lodges and I desire to express my thanks for the kindness and courtesy extended to me.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. NIXON,  
Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals was presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

### (1) St. John's Lodge, No. 81, vs. Bro. J. R. Waters.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1924 proceedings at page 338. Bro. Waters is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

### (2) St. John's Lodge, No. 40, vs. Bro. H. Collins.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1924 proceedings at page 338. Bro. Collins is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

### (3) St. John's Lodge, No. 20, vs. Bro. George Griffin.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1924 proceedings at pages 338 and 339. Bro. Griffin is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(4) **St. Alban's Lodge, No. 514, vs. Bro. A. L. Milne.**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1924 proceedings at page 339. Bro. Milne is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(5) **Wardrope Lodge, No. 555, Hamilton vs. Bro. Evans.**

This brother was convicted of manslaughter and on March the 23rd, 1925, sentenced by the Honorable Mr. Justice Charles A. Wilson to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that his suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(6) **Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie, vs. Harry Charles Barrett.**

This brother was convicted of two serious criminal offences in the District Court of Algoma on the 28th day of March, 1925, and sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the penitentiary on each offence, the sentences to run concurrently.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that his suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(7) **Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, vs. James A. Church.**

This brother was convicted of a serious criminal charge at Hamilton on the 7th day of April, 1925, and sentenced to a term of five years imprisonment in Kingston Penitentiary.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that his suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(8) **Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, vs. C. W. J. Coleman.**

This is a charge of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19, rule 1. It would appear from the material before the Committee that the charge, by resolution of the lodge, was dismissed and an appeal from this decision made to the Grand Master by the brother laying the charge.

Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Drope, Grand Master, appointed a commission consisting of M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and R.W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham to try the charge against Bro. Coleman. The Commission found the brother guilty and recommended that he be expelled.

The Committee concur in the finding of the commission and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(9) Queen's Lodge, No. 578, Kingston.**

This is an application to be relieved from the payment of the usual \$20.00 each to legalize the advancement of three candidates on March 24th, 1924, within the prescribed time.

Grand Lodge has repeatedly ruled that the provisions of section 204 must be strictly complied with, but the committee are disposed to make a special finding in the present instance and treat it as one offence, recommending that the sum of \$20.00 be accepted, on the understanding that their action be in no sense be taken as a precedent.

**(10) High Park Lodge, No. 531, Toronto, vs. Charles A. Matthews.**

This brother was convicted of a criminal offence at the City of Toronto and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary.

He was subsequently suspended by the M.W. the Grand Master until this meeting of Grand Lodge, and notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why the suspension should not be continued.

Your committee concur in the action of the Grand Master and recommend that the suspension be continued until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, for such further action as Grand Lodge may then take.

**(11) Alpha Lodge, No. 284, vs. Shamrock Lodge, No. 533, Toronto.**

This matter came before the Committee on Constitution and Laws in 1924 as appears from the report of that Committee at page 317 of the proceedings of that year and was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals for report at this meeting of Grand Lodge.

From the material before the committee the facts would appear to be these.

One Harry L. McNally, a dental surgeon of Toronto, made application to Alpha Lodge, No. 284, on the 1st of May 1924. The application was duly received and referred to the Board of General

Purposes of the lodge for report at the next regular meeting. The name of the applicant was sent to the Toronto Masonic Bureau and the secretary of that body advised Alpha Lodge that an application had been received from Mr. McNally by Shamrock Lodge, No. 583 in October, 1923, but that he had no report as to how the application had been dealt with. The Secretary of Alpha Lodge then wrote the Secretary of Shamrock Lodge with reference to the application and received by telephone the reply that the brethren recommending the application had been communicated with and as no reply had been received by Shamrock Lodge from them nothing further had been done.

On May 15th a favorable report on the application was made by the committee to Alpha Lodge and the candidate's name ordered to be placed on the notices for ballot at the regular meeting of the lodge on June 5th, 1924, on which latter date the ballot was taken and declared in favor of the candidate.

It appears that a copy of the circular for this meeting was sent to the W.M. and Secretary of Shamrock Lodge and the Secretary of Alpha Lodge admits receiving notice on June 5th from the Secretary of Shamrock Lodge that the Board of General Purposes of that body had rejected the application and it further appears that Mr. McNally was declared a rejected candidate by Shamrock Lodge at its regular meeting June 17th, 1924.

It may or may not be significant that the candidate was rejected by Shamrock Lodge after the receipt of Alpha Lodge notice showing the name to be balloted on but the ballot should have been taken long before a lapse of more than eight months after his application was received, nor should Alpha Lodge have proceeded with the ballot before receiving definite word from the bureau as to what action had been taken by Shamrock Lodge.

Sections 190 and 191 of the Constitution state in very plain language the procedure with reference to the presentation of petitions, the duties of the committee on character and the balloting on the application.

The facts, so far as the committee are able to ascertain, are reported thus fully in order that the members of Grand Lodge may be impressed with the necessity of adhering closely to the provision of the Constitution in dealing with applications for membership, but the committee express the view that further dealing with the case will serve no good purpose and is perhaps beyond their power.

As more than a year has elapsed since the candidate was rejected by Shamrock Lodge he can again make application to any lodge with proper jurisdiction to receive it.

**(12) Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, vs. Colin A. McCauley.**

This is a charge of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19, rule 1.



The charge which was preferred by Bro. H. Logan of Lord Kitchener of Kartoum Lodge, No. 2767, Catford, England, was read in the lodge on 4th November, 1924, and the report of a committee previously appointed by the W.M. to inquire into the case was read.

A motion was then regularly carried that the charge preferred by Bro. H. Logan against Bro. McCauley be not accepted by the lodge. From this decision Bro. Logan now appeals.

From a careful perusal of the material now before the committee, they are strongly of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence to justify the charge and recommend and direct that Bro. McCauley be placed upon trial by his lodge at as early a date as possible.

**(13) Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Wm. Reid, Sr., vs. Jas. Laughton.**

This is a case in which Bro. James Laughton is charged with conduct unbecoming a brother mason.

The matter complained of appears to have been carefully gone into and considerable evidence taken and the brother was found guilty by his lodge and indefinitely suspended.

On a vote being taken as to whether the lodge should recommend to Grand Lodge the expulsion of the brother, it was found that a majority of the members were opposed to the recommendation.

Bro. Laughton now appeals from the decision of the lodge suspending him indefinitely, on the ground, amongst others, that no Masonic offence has been established against him upon the evidence.

The Committee are of the opinion, that, while Bro. Laughton may have acted indiscreetly in connection with the matter complained of, no Masonic offence under the Constitution has been proven and recommend that the suspension be removed.

**(14) Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell.**

This is an alleged appeal by V.W. Bro. P. B. Proudfoot from certain actions and rulings of Russell Lodge, No. 479, the D.D.G.M. of 1924-25, and the M.W. the Grand Master. The committee beg to report that there does not appear to be before them any judgment, order, finding or sentence which is properly the subject of appeal and they therefore have no power and are unable to deal with same.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,  
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry was presented by R.W. Bro. Thos. Shanks, as follows:

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the other officers of Grand Lodge bear testimony to the general harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction during the past year. The unusual activity in degree work which characterized the years immediately following the world war has not continued, and perhaps it is well that we should devote some of our energy now in incorporating into the structure the material that was then offered. The invariable teaching of our leaders has been that numbers in themselves do not constitute strength, and that character is a much more important consideration than the mere numerical accessions to our membership rolls. Unlike many sister benevolent societies our appeal to prospective members has always been of an indirect nature and canvassing has been discountenanced. The care with which a selection is made has always been recognized as one of the safeguards of the institution, and has not only resulted in a singularly harmonious and vigorous membership, but has also won for the fraternity a well deserved place in public favor as representing a very commendable type of citizenship.

Where Masonry has been cheapened by the influx of undesirable members the influence of these is soon reflected in the local or the general attitude of the Craft towards those essential principles which inspired the founders of the Order and upon which its best ideals have been based. An easy and thoughtless laxity in admitting members is quite as harmful as the unfair use of the ballot which results in the rejection of suitable material because of private rancor or personal spite. The superficial student of Masonry who thinks so little of the Order that he is willing to open the door to all comers deals the institution just as deadly a blow as the member who allows his personal piques and prejudices to dethrone his better judgment. One lets the worst material in and the other keeps the best material out. One is misled by a shallow

breadth of view that would reduce the Masonic lodge to the level of a common meeting place, and the other is obsessed with a narrowness that would retain the privileges of the fraternity only for himself and for the few who have been intimately associated with him, and who are sharers of his own distorted outlook on the problems of life. The only safe course and the one which has ever been taught and practised by the protectors of the Craft is to consider the moral and mental fitness of the candidate. If he is one to whom the teachings of Masonry will be congenial, and whose general conduct is in line with its traditional ideals, then he should be taken in. If on the other hand his daily life is not in accord with our moral lessons, and if his peculiarities of disposition are such as to make him the centre from which trouble and bickering and discord are sure to come, then he has no place in a Masonic lodge. It is a mistake to suppose that moral fitness alone should be the test; sound judgment should also exercise its proper weight in the determination of eligibility. The man whose mental makeup is so warped that he cannot live peaceably with his neighbors, and whose constant pin-pricking and love of acrimonious discussion is so great that the lodge to which he belongs becomes a forum for the exploitation of his personal idiosyncracies, should never have been admitted a member.

It is part of the duty of this Committee to study the reports of the District Deputies and to summarize them for presentation to Grand Lodge so that any important features requiring special consideration shall be dealt with at the annual communication. The Constitution requires that the district reports shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the annual meeting. Perhaps it is sufficient to call attention to the fact that in some cases in the past this requirement has not been complied with, and the Committee's study of the Condition of Masonry in the various districts has been necessarily hasty and incomplete as the result of tardy returns. However, one who has been worried and tortured by the burden of writing reports, and who always finds the task an extremely difficult one, is not inclined to be lacking in sympathy for those who suffer from the same weakness for procrastination and who consequently have to endure the furious and feverish

anxiety of a final rush. It is well also that written reports cannot always be accepted as the standards by which to measure the work and value of the District Deputies. The success of Masonry in Ontario in its record of almost unbroken harmony, in its uniformity of practice so far as the essentials of the Craft are concerned, in its efficient business administration, and in its consistent adherence to established custom and usage, is largely due to the insight, the sanity, the fidelity, and the unsparing devotion to duty of the district representatives of the Grand Master. The district system is a feature of Masonic government of which this jurisdiction may be justly proud, and is one that is being copied more and more by other Grand Lodge jurisdictions throughout the world. It combines the important principle of democratic freedom of selection by the constituent lodges with a proper balance of the power of constituted authority as a representative of the Grand Master.

For the past few years this Committee has discussed in its annual report some of the larger problems affecting the Craft at home and abroad, and perhaps may be pardoned if at this communication of Grand Lodge it confines its attention more particularly to the consideration of subjects more or less intimately connected with the work of our own District Deputies and with the operation of our district system. It does so not in a spirit of self opinionated dogmatism, or with any desire of manufacturing a network of restrictive criticism that may discourage the freedom of individual action, or that may unwittingly and wrongly guide men into channels of useless endeavor. It believes that our Constitution and rulings are sufficiently comprehensive to cover most cases that may arise, that our written law should be expanded only after the greatest care has been taken to inquire into the necessity therefor, and that the itch for confinement and restraint in our Masonic enactments should be prevented from becoming epidemic. It is true in Masonry as in the world outside that:

"The common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,  
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law."

Our hope is that a discussion of some of the subjects that are logically suggested by a study of the district



system will be of benefit in arousing thought and in assisting in that co-operation of the Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges which is essential if the best interests of the fraternity are to be promoted.

It is a tribute to the good sense of the representatives of the various lodges that the men selected by them for District Deputies have almost without exception justified the good opinion which led to an honorable promotion. It is a matter for congratulation that the men who have the power of selection usually have a proper sense of the responsibility which is involved in their choice and generally give the matter a fair and conscientious consideration. Undoubtedly there are often many conflicting interests and many determining factors to be considered, such as the claims of individual lodges, the nice balancing of town and country representation, the respect due to seniority, the admiration that may exist for some special merit or qualification in the candidate, or the popularity which may centre in some individual due to causes that may not always be consistent with Masonic precept and practice. Of course the supreme test is that the man to be honored shall take his Masonry seriously, earnestly and sincerely; that he recognizes the claims of the Order as far superior to his personal ambitions and partialities, and that he is willing to sacrifice time, comfort, and even money, to serve his brethren of the District and in all things to represent the Grand Master with dignity and wisdom.

A question which is naturally suggested by the subject of elections is this: Can we make our District Meetings at Grand Lodge of more interest and of greater value? Can we organize and conduct them so that the representatives of the various lodges shall go back home with a consciousness of having gained some real benefit from the fraternal intercourse with brethren who have been thinking over the same problems and whose suggestions for their solution must undoubtedly be of great assistance to the thoughtful inquirer? Too often the district meeting has more the atmosphere of a committee of expert campaign managers than of the delegates to a great annual communication, and the noise and disorder, frequently aggravated by the proximity of other warring



elements locked in vociferous conflict, give the whole scene a color and tone that are hardly in harmony with the cherished ideas of dignity and decorum that we have learned to respect so uniformly in carrying on the work of our constituent lodges.

In centres where Past Masters' Associations have been established they have assisted very greatly in disseminating valuable Masonic information and in instructing their members in various ways that are relevant and appropriate. Would it not be possible to make each district meeting a real Past Masters' conference in the best and most useful sense? Could not the best papers prepared for these Associations be read before some of the other delegates who have not had the privilege of hearing them? Could not representative delegates be exchanged so that one district may profit by the knowledge of another? It is recognized, of course, that there are difficulties in the way of a change. The initiative must lie chiefly with the retiring District Deputy as the meeting is usually in his charge. More suitable accommodation would have to be provided than in the past, the co-operation of the district would have to be secured, and an active organization would be necessary to assure the best results. The suggestion of some modification of our present procedure is offered for sympathetic consideration.

The District Deputy who is to make a success of his work should have certain outstanding qualifications for his duties but no substitute has yet been found that will satisfactorily take the place of good common sense. Sections 66 to 77 of the Constitution explain the powers and duties of the District Deputies and the newly elected representative of the Grand East should give these the most careful study so that he may preserve a proper balance between his own prerogatives and the recognition due to the rulers and members of the constituent lodges. The Deputy who thinks more of his powers than of his duties and who, "drest with a little brief authority," loves to make a display of arbitrary power, will soon find himself the possessor of a fruitless crown and a barren sceptre. And yet there arise occasions where firmness is the only alternative left, and where after all other reasonable means have been exhausted the District rulers must show themselves to be

"Men who their duties know,  
But know their rights, and, knowing, dare maintain."

The Constitution specifies that all lodges shall be visited during the year to see that they are working "in the authorized manner". The wise Deputy will refrain from placing too literal an interpretation on these words. He will shun the superficial and obvious examination of the outer shell and will not fail to ascertain if within lies a real kernel, or only a shrivelled core of ceremony, and ritual, and fantastic pretence. He will not emphasize the importance of having the machinery of manufacture in perfect order, while neglecting to study the nature of the product that results from its operation. He will not consider an occasional mis-step in the floor-work as great an offence as a non-observance of those canons of Masonic practice that members and lodges sometimes violate without shame, and with an almost brazen indifference to the general effect on the Craft. He will not magnify the necessity for a uniformity with established practice in form only, while minimizing the importance of that internal harmony and concord whose absence can never be redeemed by any amount of exterior ornament.

The most successful lodge is one where peace and brotherhood prevail, where the members are attentive to their duties as Masons, where the ceremonial work is rendered in a dignified and impressive manner, and where the business is conducted with despatch and in accordance with constitutional usage. The District Deputy can do much to secure a satisfactory condition of affairs by giving due weight to these several factors and while correcting errors that may arise will not exaggerate them to the exclusion of more important matters. The peculiar circumstances surrounding each lodge should be studied and the nature of its special problems should be given due consideration. It sometimes happens that the burdens and difficulties of keeping up the prestige and proper status of a lodge are being carried by a few sincere members of enthusiastic loyalty and uncalculating self devotion who remain at the post of duty in the face of discouragement, and, at times, unfortunately, of rather aggressive opposition on the part of those who think less of the general good than they do of their own clique or

party. It is the duty of the District Deputy to place himself definitely on the side of Craft interests and to discountenance any movement calculated to breed discord and dissension for the sake of individual ambition and self-interest.

One of the last official acts of the District Deputy is to prepare a brief account of his proceedings and of the state of Masonry within his district. Some of the accounts which have been perused this year by the compiler of the present report are telegraphic in their brevity while others are encyclopedic in their detail, but they contain many valuable suggestions for the improvement of the work of our lodges and a few of these are here presented for special consideration, particularly by the incoming District Deputies.

1. In some lodges very little attention is paid to punctuality in opening at the appointed time. Tardiness is a fault which often breeds other habits of carelessness and inattention. It is the Master's special duty to see that imperfections of this kind are remedied and that his officers are trained to set a good example.

2. The social hour in Masonry has many things to commend it and provides opportunities for the cultivation of good fellowship and for the educational features by which we may attain Masonic proficiency. Care should be taken, however, to avoid that competitive tendency among lodges which leads to lavish and costly entertainment, particularly if our grants to charity suffer thereby. And in our own intercourse it is well to remember that "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."

3. Every assistance should be given to the Masonic student. At a very small outlay the nucleus of a good Masonic library may be created and lodges should give more attention to this means of enabling their members to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

4. Some of the deputies encourage the visits to their districts of other deputies on special occasions. Mutual helpfulness of this kind is a good thing for everybody concerned.

5. A District Deputy in one of the larger centres held several conferences with the Masters and Wardens of the lodges and discussed with them many topics of interest relating to lodge work, the constitution and the craft in general. He also held a class of instruction for the rehearsal of the work of the degrees. These meetings were productive of much good.

6. There is evidence that in some cases Examining Boards are too lax in the examination of the Master Elect. In these examinations more study might be profitably given to the constitution and by-laws. In some districts a want of familiarity with correct procedure has created some rather unfortunate situations.

7. In a few districts there appears to be a tendency to postpone the official visits until spring. Of course in outlying districts where the distances are great the deputy is well advised to so arrange his work that time shall be saved and travelling reduced to a minimum, but in more central parts of the jurisdiction a little re-arrangement would materially lessen the congestion of the spring months.

The Committee's study of the condition of Masonry in Ontario during the past year has convinced it that there is every cause for honest pride and heartfelt congratulation. The District Deputies have been conspicuous for their devotion to faithful service, and the officers and members of the lodges have displayed every anxiety to co-operate with the representatives of the Grand Master in promoting the best interests of the fraternity. The Craft has again been fortunate in having at its head a Grand Master who has given "high sacrifice and labor without pause", and whose heart was ever at the service of the institution over which he ruled. And now at the close of his term of office we can say with all truth and sincerity:

"The secret consciousness  
Of duty well performed; the public voice  
Of praise that honors virtue, and rewards it;  
All these are yours."

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHANKS,  
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Shanks and resolved: That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

The Report of the Board on Constitution and Laws was presented by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws begs to report as follows:

### Notices of Motion

1. By M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P.G.M.—

To amend section 13 of the Constitution by deleting the words "The Grand Secretary" from the fourth and fifth lines of the section and adding to the section the following words, "Except the Grand Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes and continue without reappointment during the pleasure of the Board of General Purposes."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

2. By R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M.—

That Rule 1 on Benevolence be amended by striking out all the words in the clause after the word "application" in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the following:—"The amount of the grant depending in each instance on the need for assistance and the ability of the lodge to provide the necessary relief."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

3. By R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M.—

That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence as No. 11 (a). "In cases of extreme and urgent



**M.W. Bro. William R. White, K.C.**

For those who have kept in touch with the leading events and the personnel of Grand Lodge it requires but a single glance at the Grand East to have brought home the painful fact that during the last year the craft in the Province of Ontario has sustained very heavy losses. Among those who have passed away there was one whose rank, ability, long service and striking personality had won for him a warm place in the hearts of all who during the past thirty years have attended any of the annual conventions of this grand body. Thirty-one years ago this Grand Lodge honored itself by electing as its Grand Master William R. White, and from that day to his death which occurred on the 23rd of March last he never failed to meet the obligations assumed by him at the altar upon his installation. His was a many sided nature; his life was a busy one and the calls upon his time and energy were manifold but in all fields of activity in which he took part he was never unmindful of the lessons he learned early in his masonic career and was ever faithful to the trust reposed in him. No matter where you met him, whether it be in the deliberations of the craft, in his professional duties, in social intercourse, in public life or in the sanctity of his own home and nothing to him was more sacred than the ties of his own fireside, he rose far above the ordinary citizen. Even the casual observer could not fail to recognize in him an outstanding figure once seen ever after remembered.

We do not think we are doing an injustice to his memory when we say that his most distinctive characteristic was his keen sense of humor. Nature had kindly endowed him with a commanding figure and a powerful and pleasing voice. He was a master of good English and was well skilled in the art of public speaking. The matter of his argument was always well arranged and his humour presentation of it never failed to illuminate his view of the question at issue with an irresistible force. A merry twinkle in his eye and a radiant smile that spread over his face were potent factors in captivating his audience. On many occasions has Grand Lodge witnessed him seize the psychological moment and in a well turned sentence or two dispel the effect of a long and labored speech of an opponent in a spirited debate. This rare gift

necessity, where proper and sufficient relief may be restricted under these rules, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Treasurer, may make special grants as may be considered necessary." "All such cases of special grants shall be reported at the next annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

#### 4. By W. Bro. G. C. Kirby—

That section 219 of the Constitution be amended to read:—"Any brother who neglects to pay his dues may be suspended for such neglect by his lodge, but may be restored by payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and such further sum, if any, as the lodge may require, not exceeding the amount of regular lodge dues for the period he was suspended, and then only by a three-fourth ballot vote of the members present at regular meeting."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

The Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead was presented by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, as follows:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead:

he used to good advantage upon the public platform and in the practice of his profession, but among his most intimate friends will he be best remembered as a most fascinating raconteur. There seemed to be no limit to his supply of mirth-producing anecdotes. As an entertainer he had no peer in Grand Lodge. Many a dull session has been enlivened by his timely contribution to the proceedings and the spirit of true brotherhood often exemplified by his skilful leadership in diverting into a peaceful and good-natured course what threatened to be a bitter controversy.

His father Lieutenant Colonel Peter White migrated from the land of the heather and thistle in 1828 to seek his fortune in the New World. He was the first pioneer to break the sod where the town of Pembroke now stands and there in 1843 was born the subject of our sketch. He was called to the bar in 1868 and soon rose to a foremost place in his chosen profession and at the ripe age of eighty-two was recognized as the dean of the bar of Eastern Ontario. For over forty years he was entrusted with much important legal work for the Canadian Pacific Railway. He took a deep interest in everything affecting the welfare of his native town and occupied the Mayor's chair for three successive years. He had no aspirations for political honors but relished the excitement of a keenly contested election and he was in great demand upon the hustings. The announcement that he was going to speak at a political meeting would ensure a good attendance and the certainty of at least one address with some life and action in it. He always had the courage of his convictions and never hesitated to give expression to his views but was fair and chivalrous in his treatment of his opponent.

The confidence placed in him by the members of his profession was evidenced by his being repeatedly chosen as a Bencher of the Law Society to which honorable body he rendered faithful service for over a quarter of a century.

Although his professional and other duties pressed heavily upon him he was never neglectful of the social side of life and had a host of friends who highly prized the privilege of his acquaintance. His kind and loving

nature was further manifested by his passionate fondness for little children. He rarely met one upon the street without a pleasant greeting which was reciprocated by the little ones who instinctively recognized in him a kindred spirit. Their frankness and innocence appealed to him and he had the gift, unknown to most of us, of winning his way to their little hearts. His death called forth many expressions of the esteem in which he was held in all parts of our country but by none was he more sincerely mourned than by the little boys and girls of his native town.

By accentuating the humorous side of his personality we would not like our hearers to gather the impression that the lighter attractions of the world in which he lived absorbed his attention to the exclusion of the grave and serious problems of life. Those who have any knowledge of his public or private career will absolve him from any such charge. His nature was a happy blend of the bright cheerful pleasure-giving disposition with an ever-ready tendency to give a thoughtful and intelligent consideration to all matters in which he took an interest. Above all he was not narrow nor bigotted but was capable of taking a broad view of the opinions of others and his great heart was commensurate with the dimensions of his physical stature. To him masonry was not a mere theory to be expounded within the tyled lodge-room and forgotten until the next meeting. It was a reality, a living reality for three hundred and sixty-five days of the year. He recognized in every member of the order a friend who had a right to appeal to him for sympathy and guidance. To him charity was indeed a virtue that brought its own reward, for he was never happier than when contributing towards the relief and happiness of others. The clouds gathering over the pathway of many a brother in distress have been dispelled by

"His little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

**M.W. G.M. Augustus Toplady Freed**

Never before in its history in the Province of Ontario has the craft's most valuable asset been so greatly impaired as in the year just brought to a close. In the na-



tural course of events one Grand Master is acquired every two years. Therefore to lose in one year three who had attained that position means a loss six times as great as it is in our power to repair. During his term of office the Grand Master is perforce brought face to face with nearly every practical problem with which this grand body, the subordinate lodges or the individual members are likely to be confronted. Some of these may be easy of solution while others may present difficulties that call for wisdom, tact and the most careful consideration. The problems are as varied as the temperaments of the men affected thereby and two years' experience in piloting the craft against adverse winds, over treacherous shoals and past dangerous headlands often buffeted by high seas and unknown currents needs must leave him a wiser and more capable man than when he assumed the gavel. Each year an army of splendid workers answer to the roll call of Grand Lodge and we are not disposed to under-estimate the value of the service rendered by them, yet we must all concede that in most movements for the advancement of our order, the initiative and inspiration comes from the Grand East and the death of a past Grand Master means a serious reduction in the potential energy of this grand body. This truth was brought home with great force to us in the loss of M.W. Bro Augustus Toplady Freed who passed away on the 27th September, 1924, within a few weeks of completing his 89th year.

He was a Canadian by birth and before he attained his majority showed a marked inclination for journalism and in 1855 went to New York and secured a position on the staff of the New York Tribune which was conducted by the greatest genius of his age in the newspaper world, Horace Greeley. The work of this master mind was not lost upon the young Canadian. It has been said that Greeley did more to mould the destinies of the people of the great Republic to the south of us than any other man with the single exception of Abraham Lincoln and that even Lincoln was influenced by him to issue his proclamation of emancipation. Those were strenuous times and young Freed found himself engulfed in a political maelstrom which terminated in the bitterest civil war the world has ever witnessed. The stirring editorials of his chief moved him to shoulder a musket and fight in the ranks of the Northern army. He was one of the few



survivors of his regiment which played a heroic part and suffered heavy losses in holding the line against the desperate Pickett charge at the battle of Gettysburg. When the Fenian Raid threatened to develop into an invasion of Canada he returned to enlist in the defence of his native land. When all danger from this source had passed he spent a further period in the United States and returning to Canada accepted the position of associate editor of the Hamilton Spectator. He was an eloquent and forceful speaker and there was always something delightful and convincing about the products of his pen. He made rapid advancement and soon became editor-in-chief and the high place that the Spectator holds in the journalistic field to-day was first attained under his leadership. In 1894 he left the editor's chair for the less exacting duties of Inspector of Weights and Measures and after sixteen years of faithful service in that office he retired to spend the evening of his life free from the cares of official or business responsibility.

He was first admitted to masonry in Independence Lodge No. 185 of New York City and after his return to Canada was affiliated with Barton Lodge No. 6 in 1874. He was called to the Grand East in 1907 and filled most acceptably that high office for the usual period of two years.

The natural result of his wide experience as editor-in-chief of a leading daily newspaper was to broaden his mind and give him a firm grasp upon the leading questions of the day. The solving of perplexing problems was his daily occupation, and especially fitted him for the duties of Grand Master. He fully realized the responsibilities of the office and gave to it the best that was in him but after his manner of dealing with all matters he discharged his duties so quietly and with so little ostentation that the casual onlooker would never suspect the anxious moments frequently spent by him in determining his course of action.

He kept in close touch with the work of Grand Lodge and attended every communication from the time of his first election to the Board of General Purposes in 1903 except last year and it was a source of deep regret to him that his failing health kept him away from that meeting.

No question brought before the Board of General Purposes escaped his notice. He weighed them all carefully and never rose to his feet to speak to a question until he had formed a conclusion that he was prepared to support. His experience in newspaper work had induced the habit of logical reasoning and clear expression, two admirable qualities in a public speaker. His judgment was so unerring that when the subject under discussion was put to a vote he very rarely found himself with the minority.

He was never carried away by the impulse of the moment nor was he given to associating himself with organizations out of idle curiosity but in masonry he found the opportunity for service that appeals to active and beneficent men who derive the greatest comfort in doing good to others. So impressed was he with the soundness of the principles inculcated in the first lessons he received as an entered apprentice that he steadfastly persevered from one degree to another until on the 28th of October 1903 he became an Honorary Inspector General of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Dominion. Eleven years later he reached the summit of masonic advancement by being crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General and was received into active membership in the Supreme Council.

M.W. Bro. Freed was an entertaining conversationist owing to his ability to discuss intelligently almost any subject one might introduce. This naturally won for him the esteem of all who had the good fortune to be brought in contact with him. While he was warmly attracted to the members of the craft he was never exclusive in his choice of companions and at all times had a host of admiring friends irrespective of creeds, politics or masonic affiliations. Owing to his advanced age there were very few, if any, of his contemporaries of his earlier years living at the time of his death, but the disparity in years never seemed to affect the relationship and few men in passing from this world have had as many elo-

quent tributes from all quarters paid to their memory as our late lamented Grand Master.

**M.W. Bro. His Honor John Elly Harding**

Institutions and organizations frequently suffer or benefit in the public estimation according to the type of men most instrumental in advancing their interests. The man in the street measures an order by the men he sees at the head of it, for as a rule he has neither the time nor inclination to subject it to a critical analysis and form his conclusion upon the merits or defects that such an analysis would disclose. If he finds at the head of an order a man highly respected by his fellow citizens occupying a position burdened with great responsibility and giving his time and talents unsparingly to his country, he quite naturally concludes that such an order is based upon sound principles and is entitled to command his respect. Otherwise why should such a man be so closely associated with it? It was just such a service that His Honor John Elly Harding rendered to the masonic order in the Province of Ontario. For nearly sixty years his name was closely linked with the progress of the craft and he never faltered in his unswerving devotion to its tenets and lost no opportunity to demonstrate by his own upright life and Christian forbearance that he fully understood the significance of that simple emblem the square and compasses. It is not within the scope of human possibility to measure the good that any man has accomplished. We could readily conceive that he would have deemed life not worth the living if he had been deprived of the privilege of rendering service to others and that to him our tenure here upon earth:

Like every other blessing,  
Derives its value from its use alone;  
Not for itself, but for a nobler end,  
Th' Eternal gave it, and that end is virtue."

He was of Irish descent and was born on the 29th May, 1840 in Beverly Township. He was called to the bar in 1866 and commenced the practice of law in St. Mary's. In 1884 he sought a wider field by moving to Stratford where he soon took rank among the foremost lawyers of that district and was appointed Local Master in 1890. In the same year he was further honored by being enrolled as a Queen's Counsel. He continued to enjoy a general practice until 1898 when he was elevated to the bench as Junior Judge of Victoria County and

eight years later was further promoted to the office of Senior Judge.

His extensive knowledge of the law, his ability to quickly master the details of a complicated case and his method of patiently weighing every problem submitted to his consideration rendered him eminently qualified for such an important position. After seventeen years of faithful service upon the bench he retired in 1915. He continued to reside in Lindsay for two or three years after his retirement when he moved to Hamilton and made that city his home until his death which occurred on the 16th March of the present year. Wherever he resided he felt the responsibility of citizenship and took a lively interest in all matters affecting the local municipality and was always ready to bear his full share of the burden of promoting the welfare of his fellow citizens. He was a strong advocate of fresh air and exercise and believed that one of the best ways to secure both was in the saddle and in his earlier days he performed the marvellous feat of riding on horseback across Canada to Alaska. To accomplish such a journey required patience, perseverance and power of endurance. These three qualities he possessed in a marked degree and they served him well, not only in the enjoyment of his favorite sport but upon the bench and as Grand Master of our order. Doubtless these and his regular habits of life were largely responsible for his attaining such a ripe old age. A wholesome longevity appears to be one of the blessings meted out to our Grand Masters, as the average age of the three who have been called from us since our last meeting is eighty-six. Our late brother was a voracious reader and his favorite subject was history. He did not restrict himself to any one country or continent but had an exceptionally wide grasp of the history of the civilized world.

M.W. Bro. Harding was initiated into masonry in St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's and two years later was elected its Worshipful Master. He was a charter member of St. Mary's Lodge No. 351, St. Mary's (now defunct.) He also joined Stratford Lodge, Stratford, and remained a member until his death and was an honorary life member of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, and Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay. He enjoyed the unique distinction of being a member of Grand Lodge for forty-



five years. He was elected deputy Grand Master in 1900 but owing to the death of Grand Master Hungerford, in 1901 he served for nearly a year as Grand Master for the unexpired term, caused by M.W. Bro. Hungerford's death, and was elected Grand Master in 1902 and 1903 so he enjoyed the further distinction of serving as Grand Master for nearly three years.

As Grand Master his especial care at all times was the preservation of the ancient landmarks. Every Grand Master has had to do battle with the modern tendency to reform anything and everything. Hastily devised and ill considered amendments to the constitution are constantly cropping up as well as suggested improvements in our unwritten orders of procedure. He had great faith in the wisdom of the founders of the craft who builded for all time and took little heed of those who to meet some passing need would attempt to alter the structure it took centuries to erect.

His great achievement which will endure as a lasting memorial to his foresight and providence on behalf of our needy brethren and their dependents was the inauguration of the Semi-Centennial Fund. Looking upon masonry as a social and charitable organization he evidently had been impressed with the idea that we had not been living up to the full measure of our opportunities. In his eloquent address to Grand Lodge in 1903 he introduced the subject in the following words:

"Having experienced the support and protection of the Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe for so many years, it is proper that we should show our gratitude for the many blessings that we have enjoyed. I therefore, propose to my brethren that we celebrate our Semi-Centennial in such a manner as to bring comfort and consolation to a number of our sorely afflicted brethren and their dependents. Although our expenditure for benevolence has been munificent there are still a number of our brethren so afflicted that they cannot be properly cared for without an increase of the funds at the disposal of our benevolent committee. In order that this condition of affairs may be remedied in the easiest and most permanent form I propose that we establish a fund of \$100,000 and the interest arising from the investment to



be appropriated to extreme cases, \$200 to be the limit in any one case of beneficiary on this fund. I estimate that the investment will realize \$4,000 at least yearly. Enough for twenty annuities of \$200 each."

What a comfort and satisfaction it must have been to him to read from the last annual report that the fund had attained the magnificent sum of \$104,637 and that the income was \$5,394 of which the committee had expended in benevolence during the preceding twelve months \$4,725. No one can measure the relief and happiness brought to the homes of our brethren in distress through the wise administration of this fund which might now be substantially augmented and re-christened "The Harding Memorial Fund," for to him is due the credit of initiating and successfully carrying out the plan for establishing this very helpful auxilliary to our benevolent work.

In addition to the three Grand Masters to whom extended reference has already been made, Grand Lodge has during the past twelve months been called upon to record the death of no less than twenty-seven acting and past Grand officers. The temptation is strong to single out a number of these departed brethren who we feel are entitled to more than a passing notice. Among the number are several Past District Deputy Grand Masters and others who have earned a prominent place upon the roll of our honored dead. To discriminate among so many worthy of special mention is too delicate a task to undertake, and to do justice to all would require more space than is usually allotted to the report of this committee. We therefore most regretfully do no more than append the names of those brethren who were sincerely mourned in their respective districts and who have for the last time answered the roll call of this Grand Lodge.

Aylsworth, George M.—D.D.G.M. in 1897, died April 14th, 1925.

Birkett, John H.—D.D.G.M. in 1915 and 1916, died May 21st, 1925.

Birrell, William—D.D.G.M. in 1900, died February 15th, 1925.



Shurie, John S.—D.D.G.M. in 1915, died October 29th, 1924.

Sinclair, John—D.D.G.M. in 1885 and 1886, died November 10th, 1924.

Smith, James Alexander—G. Supt. Works in 1907, died December 26th, 1924.

Smyth, John J.—G. Pursuivant in 1881, died March 16th, 1925.

Taylor, Christopher D.—D.D.G.M. in 1913, died May 22nd, 1925.

Wickett, William L.—Grand Pursuivant in 1905, died February 27th, 1925.

W. S. HERRINGTON,  
Chairman

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Report of the Board on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, in two sections.

(1) The General Report, which appears as an Appendix to this Volume of the Proceedings;

(2) A special report as follows:

Your Board recommends:

That negotiations with a view to recognition be continued with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and further information be secured, and that negotiations be entered into with the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Loge Nationale of France, and (with the approval of the Grand Master) with such other Grand Jurisdictions as are officially recognized by and are in

fraternal correspondence and intercourse with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and with which this Grand Lodge may not have at present official fraternal relations and exchange of Grand Representatives.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton and resolved: That the Reports of the Board on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

### **SPECIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE**

The Report of the Special Committee on Benevolence was presented through the Board of General Purposes, by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, as follows:

**To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.**

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to name a Secretary for the Benevolent Committee and revise the rules of benevolence, recommends as follows:

1. That R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe be appointed Supervisor of Benevolence. This title will more properly designate the duties of his Office than that of Secretary of the Benevolent Committee.

2-A. That, as he is to devote his whole time in supervising our Benevolent work his Salary be \$3,000.00 per annum, with further reimbursement for travelling expenses.

2-B. That this appointment date from the beginning of Grand Lodge fiscal year, i.e. June 1st, 1925.

3. That R.W. Bro. Nixon, who has served so efficiently for thirty years as Inspector of Benevolent grants, and whose mature judgment and advice is so invaluable, be retained as Advisory Inspector of Benevolence at a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum.

4. That inasmuch as your Committee has submitted two amendments to the rules of Benevolence which appear as notices of motions for the consideration of Grand Lodge, it would recommend that further revision be deferred until the Supervisor of Benevolence has made a complete survey of our dependents so as to ascertain what further action is necessary to make provision for the care and attention of our aged dependents and for the assisting in the maintenance and educational supervision of the orphans.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,  
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and resolved: That the Special Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

### SCRUTINEERS APPOINTED

The Acting Grand Master then appointed the Scrutineers of the ballot, naming R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd as Chairman.

### NOMINATIONS

The Acting Grand Master then declared that nominations would be received for the elective offices of Grand Lodge.

### CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labor at five o'clock, p.m. to meet on Thursday, July 16th, 1925 at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

### CALLED ON

### SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, July 16th, 1925, at nine-thirty o'clock, a.m. the Acting Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, on the Throne.



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Wardens and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge 544 warranted lodges, of which number 6 have been granted their warrants at this communication.

Represented at this communication:

By regular officers.....	384
By Proxies.....	84
By Past Masters.....	33
Total number represented.....	491
Total number registered.....	2,300
Having a total vote of.....	2,987

The lodge secretary in many cases neglects to report the full list of Past Masters, when sending in his returns, with a consequent delay and annoyance to the Credentials Committee in the work of registration. Your Committee would suggest that this feature be taken up vigorously with the offending lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY, Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, and resolved: That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was presented by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, as follows:

The Special Committee appointed by resolution of Grand Lodge to report upon the address of the M.W. the Grand Master to Grand Lodge on its 70th Communication begs to report as follows:

Our Grand Master begins his address by referring to the birth of our Grand Lodge in the City of Hamilton, in the fall of 1855, with 44 lodges on its register, with 1,500 Masons, depicting in graceful and moderate language the characters of the 1500, men who were very earnest in their enterprise to create a Grand Lodge of Masons, who were to be supreme within their own defined territory and determined to build upon a foundation sufficient to ensure stability for all time upon the principles set out by the Grand Master. They were determined men. They expected they would have opposition by non-recognition from the Parent Grand Lodge of England, and took care to make that foundation sure. Notwithstanding the weakness of infancy they fought their battles manfully and grew apace; their membership being increased from 1,500 in 1855 to 107,000 in 1925, the Grand Master tending to show by his narrative, that honest endeavour, based on sound principles of morality would build up a community who acknowledged the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, thereby making for useful citizenship and a decided asset of the Country in which it was placed.

Our Grand Master is proud that they attained their object. Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario is a huge asset of the Province of Ontario and much respected wherever it is known throughout the world.

Our Grand Master invited guests from foreign jurisdictions, one of whom represents the Grand Lodge of Michigan, whose Grand Master came over in 1856 (M. W. Bro. Backus) who installed our Grand Officers and was one of our earliest friends and stood loyally by them, in their long struggle for autonomy, and Michigan has never swerved from that loyalty to the present time.

We concur with the Grand Master.

Under the head of Dispensations issued under Section 181a: The announcement referred to was made

to take care of the disabled soldiers of the war, but was legitimately broadened to cover other cases, under the strictures of the said section. And as the Grand Master intimates that apparently the privileges have been abused we strongly recommend that the greatest care be exercised when placing the full and true facts in the hands of the Grand Master, by the Master of the Lodge, or District Deputy or any other brother for the guidance of the Grand Master who alone has the power to grant a dispensation.

Our Grand Master in his paragraph under headings, Statistics; By-laws; Dedications; Warrants; Corner-Stones; Dispensations and Grand Representatives shows he has his interested eye on our financial features, and has been active in the performance of his duties with respect to the other matters herein indicated.

### **Revision of Ceremonies and Constitution**

We concur with the Grand Master in his remarks under this head and recommend the continuance of the Committee named to carry out the further work suggested, including the revision of the Constitution.

### **Libraries**

We concur with the Grand Master in the matter dealt with under this head and recommend that a Committee of 3 be appointed by the Grand Master to superintend and care for said library: see that said library and other articles which may be donated or loaned are properly housed in cases and cabinets for preservation thereof; but that no expenditure is to be made without the approval of the Grand Treasurer for the time being.

And we further concur with the Grand Master in recommending that the Honorary Rank of P.G. Registrar be conferred upon V.W. Bro. Chas. B. Murray and V.W. Bro. George Ross.

### **Benevolence**

We concur with the Grand Master in his timely and useful advice given by him and more especially do we draw the Mason's attention to the paragraph commenc-

ing with the words "Freemasonry is not a benevolent institution", where he, in rare and beautiful language touches upon the duties and obligations of the private lodges with respect to the matters therein dealt with.

### Masonic Offences

The Grand Master has touched a vital point here and exposes the unwillingness of some lodges to prosecute some of their members who have committed serious Masonic offences. We cannot too strongly urge that the lodges be instructed to take up promptly such cases and proceed to prosecute such members; with the penalty of having their charter withdrawn upon their neglect or delay in doing so.

### Visits

Our Grand Master shows in gleeful language the hardy and loyal stuff the Northern Ontario Mason is made of in the account given of his trip up that country last August. They are surely a virile and open-hearted brotherhood.

### Trip to Ireland

Our Grand Master has made his account of the visit to the Grand Lodge of Ireland the valedictory of his address. This verily was near his heart on his own account as well as on account of the feeling "over there", existing towards their brethren on this side of the water. He brought this news with great pride.

We share the Grand Master's regret in not being able to be with us.

Fraternally,

J. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and resolved: That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted, and that the recommendations embodied in the report be confirmed.

## CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was moved by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe,

That Rule 1 on Benevolence be amended by striking out all the words in the clause after the word application in the fourth line and substituting therefor the following: "The Amount of the grant to depend in each instance on the need for assistance and the ability of the lodge to provide the necessary relief." The motion was carried.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Dargavel and seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe,

That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence, to be called Rule No. 11a:

"In cases of extreme and urgent necessity, where proper and sufficient relief may be restricted under the foregoing rules, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, may make special grants as may be considered necessary. All such cases of special grants shall be reported at the next annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes."

The motion was carried.

The notices of motion given by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt and R.W. Bro. G. C. Kirby, were both withdrawn by the movers with the consent of Grand Lodge, in view of the fact that a Committee had been appointed to consider a general revision of the Constitution.

Moved by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and resolved: That the Grand Master appoint a committee to make enquiries and report to Grand Lodge at the next Annual Meeting as to such recommendations as they may deem advisable in reference to the Grand Secretary's office.

The Grand Master appointed as this Committee, the Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith.



## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren, having been duly nominated by the Past Masters and representatives of lodges in their respective districts, were duly confirmed in office by the M.W. the Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe.....	Fort William
" John J. Parsons.....	Jarvis
" David P. Macfarlane.....	Harriston
" Robt. J. Mumford.....	Glencoe
" Walter T. Kingston.....	Cardinal
" John B. Pinkerton.....	Elgin
" John D. Cunningham.....	Alliston
" Rev. P. T. Pilkey.....	Owen Sound
" James Gill.....	Hamilton
" Smith A. Wait.....	Hamilton
" Wm. D. Love.....	London
" Henry J. Bird, Jr.....	Bracebridge
" Thos. O. Johnston.....	Port Dalhousie
" Jas. W. Rawlins.....	Copper Cliff
" A. P. Mewhinney.....	Paisley
" Wm. E. Clarke.....	Oshawa
" Jas. Reeves.....	Eganville
" Thos. P. Lancaster.....	Havelock
" Jesse W. Barlow.....	Belleville
" Roy P. Kent.....	Courtright
" T. D. Orme.....	Lucan
" Chris. M. Forbes.....	Perth
" H. E. Freeman.....	Aylmer
" Jos. Penman.....	New Liskeard
" Peter M. Grant.....	Toronto
" Jos. S. A. Whealy.....	Toronto
" Ernest W. Barber.....	Toronto
" Geo. D. Shore.....	Woodbridge
" Geo. W. Hall.....	Lindsay
" E. Y. Barraclough.....	Glen Williams
" Wm. S. McDonald.....	Tillsonburg
" E. T. Howe.....	Windsor

The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were then formally installed and invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton.

R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following report of the brethren elected to the various offices and to the Board

of General Purposes, and also of the place selected for the next Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Toronto.  
 Deputy Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, Port Dover.  
 Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Wm. Ostler, Hamilton  
 Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. J. W. Wansbrough, Toronto.  
 Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon R. J. M. Perkins, Chat-  
 ham.  
 Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.  
 Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton.  
 Grand Registrar, R.W. Bro. John T. May, London.

### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Hamilton.  
 R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto.  
 R.W. Bro. Thos. Shanks, Ottawa  
 R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Barrie.  
 R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, Strathroy.

### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Twin Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur.

### OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the officers-elect, who were duly proclaimed and saluted.

### APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid.....	Windsor
“ J. B. Way.....	Sault Ste. Marie
“ Geo. H. Smith.....	Toronto
“ E. W. E. Saunders.....	Toronto
“ Jos. Fowler.....	Sudbury

and for a period of one year:

R.W. Bro. A. W. Gray.....	Brockville
“ C. A. Whitwam.....	London

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as officers of the Grand Lodge:

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Toronto.  
 Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. James H. Spence, Toronto.  
 Grand Supt of Works, V.W. Bro. John Graham, London.  
 Asst. Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Henry A. Hignell, Guelph.  
 Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Thos. C. Johnson, Toronto.  
 Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Arthur Lavis, Hamilton.  
 Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. Ralph S. Taylor, Cobalt.  
 Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Duncan Grigg, Toronto.  
 Asst. Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Jos. J. M. Butler, Aurora.  
 Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. Henry A. Graham, Kingston.

## Grand Stewards

V.W. Bro. Frank S. Blain, Brantford  
 " Louis R. Brennan, Welland  
 " Wm. E. Bunt, Burk's Falls  
 " Wm. Collins, Tara  
 " Henry S. Coombs, Smith's Falls  
 " Thos. Ferguson, Chatham  
 " Arthur R. Hargrave, Delhi  
 " Ambrose E. Henry, Oshawa  
 " Samuel G. Jackson, Oil Springs  
 " Hugh R. Johnson, Essex  
 " Robt. G. Knox, Ottawa  
 " Hugh George Langley, Toronto  
 " Eldridge W. Leith, Toronto  
 " Robt. J. McCamus, Keene  
 " John McCurrah, Toronto  
 " Geo. H. McDougall, Maxville  
 " Alex. A. McLennan, Seaforth  
 " Rich. N. Mitchell, Fenelon Falls  
 " Jas. S. Montgomery, Newcastle  
 " Albert J. Nicholas, Port Stanley  
 " Geo. E. Parkes, Dunnville  
 " John D. Roderick, Penetanguishene  
 " Albert E. Rosevear, Shelburne  
 " David G. Shearer, Hamilton  
 " John L. Stewart, Wingham  
 " Jacob J. Terry, Queensville  
 " David Thaw, Emsdale  
 " Arthur M. Thompson, Wellington  
 " Albro M. Thorne, Toronto  
 " Ernest G. Veitch, Toronto  
 " Franklin H. Warner, Fort Frances  
 " Ernest G. Wray, Hamilton

**Grand Standard Bearers**

V.W. Bro. Stehphen Sadler, Essex

“ James Hastings, Hamilton

**Grand Tyler**

W. Bro. T. J. C. Rodden, Port Arthur

**HONOR PAID TO GRAND MASTER**

A pleasing event which evoked the applause of the delegates took place at this juncture when M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, arose and in most felicitous terms congratulated M.W. Bro. Rowland, the newly installed Grand Master, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, presented him with the Henry Price Medal, which he explained was the only decoration presented by his Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Rowland received the gift and thanked the donor befittingly.

**TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER**

It was moved by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R.W. Bro. Jno S. Martin, and resolved: That a Committee be appointed to secure and present to the retiring Grand Master a fitting testimonial.

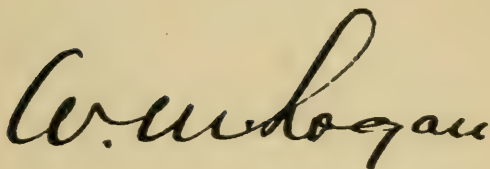
The Grand Master named as such committee: M.W. Bros. Sir John Gibson, W. H. Wardrope and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.

**VOTES OF THANKS**

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, and resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to His Worship Mayor Jutten, to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Education, to the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department and to the Local Committees of Masons and their wives for kindly attention and service, which assured safety, comfort and pleasure to the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

### GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain having invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the members of this Grand Lodge during the coming recess, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at two o'clock, in the afternoon.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. Logan". The letters are fluidly connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Logan".

Grand Secretary.



## RETURNS OF LODGES AS

See Pages 378—381 for List of

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W.M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara	Niagara	J. H. Brown	A. J. Wood
3	aAnct. St. John's	Kingston	W. J. C. Allan	A. W. Cathcart
5	aSussex	Brockville	S. C. H. Horton	Thos. H. Guest
6	aBarton	Hamilton	J. W. Hamilton	W. H. F. Whateley
7	Union	Crimsby	W. M. Stewart	L. A. Bromley
9	aUnion	Napanee	E. L. Deline	J. G. Fennell
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	A. R. Smith	J. S. Boyd
11	aMoir	Belleville	A. E. Barlow	Geo. DuImage
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	Lawrence Thompson	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Chas. G. Burch	A. N. Lindsay
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	C. S. Mallett	Wm. Lawrence
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Fred R. Drewry	M. A. Hewson
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	James Wright	Jas. H. Colden
20	aSt. John's	London	W. G. Young	Rich. Booth
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	John Hartley	Wm. R. Hall
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	P. H. Walker	Chas. T. Hoare
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	A. L. Phipps	E. A. Dickinson
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	Edward Jackson	G. W. Fluker
25	aIonic	Toronto	Harcourt Ferguson	A. W. Langmuir
26	aOntario	Port Hope	Wm. E. Finlay	F. H. Batty
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	W. A. Steele	H. W. Linton
28	aMount Zion	Kemptville	Jas. L. Medcof	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	Vernon Coulter	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	J. M. Short	J. W. Bateman
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	L. T. McLaughlin	Thos. Annison
32	aAmity	Dunnville	Jas. N. Allan	S. W. Lymburner
33	aMaitland	Coderich	T. H. Mitchell	R. J. Megaw
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	V. H. Chisholm	Wm. W. Eccles
35	St. John's	Cayuga	G. A. Pinel	H. J. Hoshal
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	Clarence Grieve	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	Trenton	Harry Gray	W. J. Potts
39	aMount Zion	Brooklin	A. I. McBrien	John S. Pringle
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	E. B. Thompson	B. L. Simpson
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	Kenneth McRae	E. L. Frost
42	aSt. George's	London	Wm. F. Wheaton	Thos. Dickson
43	aKing Solomon's	Woodstock	Geo. W. Miller	A. W. Massie
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	A. L. Gledhill	F. W. Judd
45	Brant	Brantford	Robt. Wilcock	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	A. E. Jewiss	J. A. MacGregor
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	F. H. Hubbell	John Fry
48	aMadoc	Madoc	F. W. Allan	A. S. Cochran
50	aConsecon	Consecon	R. J. McCurdy	H. J. Chase
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	P. A. McDiarmid	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	P. G. Watson	J. T. Pollock
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	A. M. Watchorn	M. G. Corbett
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	H. T. Lucas	H. W. Unsworth
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	N. A. Fletcher	Jas. D. Rose
58	aDoric	Ottawa	H. R. Warwick	J. A. Ross
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	Thos. H. Ross	C. E. Kelly
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	S. M. Blain	Thos. J. Hicks
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	H. E. Sinclair	D. H. McIntosh
64	aKilwinning	London	Wm. G. Doidge	W. Lancaster
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	Wm. H. Hewitt	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Jas. Welsh	J. W. Bradley
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	B. F. Morton	P. L. Smith
69	Stirling	Stirling	Geo. D. Watson	C. F. Linn
72	Alma	Galt	F. Baine	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Mary's	D. G. Vice	N. L. Brandon
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	W. R. Collier	F. L. Bissell

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Age on Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M. ....	9	15	14		3	2	2				168
3	1st Thursday .....	9	7	7	2	7	2	2				389
5	3rd Monday .....	21	17	13	1	7	6	4			5	410
6	2nd Wednesday .....	14	17	14	2	3	12	2				546
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ...	7	9	9	1	1	4	19				226
9	Frid. on or bef. F.M. ....	7	5	5	8	2	7					263
10	Tue. on or bef. F.M. ....	6	4	6	4			2				191
11	Wed. on or bef. F.M. ....	20	19	14	3	3	11	2			1	426
14	1st Monday .....	13	11	10	2	2	1	7			2	188
15	2nd Tuesday .....	28	23	24	1	4	4	1			1	311
16	2nd Tuesday .....	22	18	22	2	2	5	3			1	707
17	2nd Tuesday .....	18	15	20	3	5	4	9			1	264
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ....	4	4	5	4	2	6	6				269
20	2nd Tuesday .....	22	18	18	3	2	6	8			1	512
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M. ...	2	3	5		1	2					110
22	2nd Thursday .....	13	13	10	2	3	3	3			1	499
23	3rd Wednesday .....	5	3	5	1		1					122
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M. ....	15	14	13		3	1					237
25	1st Wednesday .....	8	8	4	6	5	5					370
26	3rd Friday .....	7	5	6	1	3	5	6			1	183
27	3rd Friday .....	21	20	22	4	4	8	2			3	534
28	Friday bef. F.M. ....	3	3	2		1	1					104
29	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ....	11	11	4	2		1	3				210
30	1st Tuesday .....	5	4	5	6	2	1					152
31	Wed. on or bef. F.M. ....	10	9	9	2		2	1			3	210
32	Wed. on or after F.M. ....	5	8	5		3	3	4			1	204
33	2nd Tuesday .....	6	7	7		4	5					233
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ....	5	10	9	3	1	4					182
35	Thurs. on or after F.M. ...	7	7	10	1	2	1					117
37	1st Friday .....	5	4	4	5	2	2					205
38	2nd Tuesday .....	16	13	16	2	2	1	3				262
39	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ....	4	5	2	1	1						95
40	3rd Thursday .....	19	18	21	1	7	15	6			2	671
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ...	11	9	10	5	3	1				2	251
42	1st Thursday .....	22	23	20	3	5	4	11			1	362
43	1st Tuesday .....	18	24	24	10	3	4	3			2	437
44	1st Thursday .....	15	18	22	1	10	3				2	520
45	2nd Tuesday .....	23	35	31	8	5	7	6			1	479
46	1st Monday .....	22	17	18		4	5					371
47	1st Thursday .....	43	44	45	3	16	14	133			7	964
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ....	9	10	7		1	1					168
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M. ....	12	11	12	2							100
52	1st Tuesday .....	6	11	11		12	6	10				505
54	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ....	7	7	5								85
55	Tues on or bef. F.M. ....	3	3	3	2	5	2	2				116
56	1st Tuesday .....	10	8	10	3	3	4	8				369
57	Wed. on or bef. F.M. ....	3	3	4	1	2		2				158
58	1st Friday .....	20	19	20	6	4	4	8			1	404
61	2nd Friday .....	42	41	45	30	9	12	16			2	847
62	Thursday on or bef. F.M. ...	11	9	6		1	2	8				130
63	2nd Friday .....	8	7	7	3	1	3	4				239
64	3rd Friday .....	33	26	16	7	2	2	5			2	452
65	1st Thursday .....	31	34	32		6	6	7				659
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ....	10	9	7	2							94
68	3rd Friday .....	3	5	5		3	2	1				166
69	Thurs. on or aft. F.M. ...	2	4	4	2	1	2	3			1	137
72	Last Tuesday .....	9	5	5	3		1				1	261
73	1st Monday .....	2	2	2		4						156
74	Mon. nearest F.M. ....	3	3	2	1	1		1				80

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	E. G. Jackman.....	O. S. Randall.....
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	C. D. McPherson.....	J. W. Dutton.....
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	A. T. Porter.....	C. L. Davidson.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	A. S. Rennie.....	H. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	P. R. Worfolk.....	F. Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	Howard Heath.....	G. E. Longfield.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	Robt. Mason.....	Hubert Lester.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	Fred G. Conkey.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	C. W. Draper.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	A. E. Watt.....	A. W. Parish.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	W. P. Johnson.....	W. L. Lawer.....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	Wilmot Warriner.....	J. S. Bell.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	Robt. E. Hair.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	E. B. Fry.....	D. M. Hughes.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	J. F. Wolfram.....	John T. Gordon.....
92	aCataraqui.....	Kingston.....	J. M. Hyland.....	H. A. Graham.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	Robt. C. McKenzie.....	M. J. McPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	John Brumpton.....	H. G. Goodhue.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	A. G. MacLellan.....	A. H. Felt.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	Wm. Greig.....	J. B. Aylward.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	L. T. Maxwell.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	Geo. C. Young.....	P. J. Anderson.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	G. M. Quackenbush.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	A. S. Couper.....	R. F. Downey.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	Wm. Mackenzie.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	T. M. Cayley.....	E. W. Moles.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	H. S. Bromhall.....	H. F. Garner.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	H. B. McArter.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	Wm. D. Mann.....	R. A. McDougall.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	Ernest Wells.....	C. P. Cowan.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	L. A. Cameron.....	C. A. Copp.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	Wm. S. Johnston.....	C. H. Ranson.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	Geo. L. Woodley.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	F. R. O'Neil.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	Harry Taylor.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	Henry Trick.....	G. C. Gammon.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	H. V. Botham.....	R. W. Stewart.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	D. R. Sharpe.....	F. G. Young.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	F. Dowler.....	D. J. Scott.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	N. W. Bragg.....	T. R. Logan.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	H. Young.....	H. J. Smith.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	J. B. Boyce.....	John McCarthy.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	J. C. MacFarlane.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	P. C. Denyes.....	F. C. Bonnycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	C. F. Wessell.....	Geo. D. Wright.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	C. A. Bailey.....	W. F. Garrow.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	F. R. Underhill.....	S. C. Taylor.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	Roy Trelford.....	Fred Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	G. M. Chidley.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	J. H. Peacock.....	T. A. Hutchinson.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	Clayton Baker.....	N. M. McLean.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	A. M. Pilgrim.....	F. H. Finlay.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	J. M. Simpson.....	H. A. Saunders.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	C. W. Sinclair.....	A. E. Richardson.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	W. R. Cole.....	A. J. Blowes.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	H. Hummell.....	W. C. Davy.....
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	Harry Masters.....	S. W. Wood.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Alex. Cameron.....	S. W. Rust.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	J. H. Yake.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....

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No. of Lodges	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
75	1st Monday	11	11	10	2	3	6	6			2	397
76	2nd Monday	10	6	4	7	9	1	16				308
77	1st Friday	3	6	6	7	3	6	7				335
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	13	14	10	4	1						268
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	4	4	2		2	1				124
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2		3	2	1				110
82	2nd Tuesday	26	25	26	2	1	1	1				199
83	Friday bef. F.M.	5	7	9		1	3					197
84	Friday on or bef. F.M.	10	13	13	1	3	1				3	124
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	2	2	2	4			2	89
86	3rd Tuesday	13	13	13		5	4	7			2	499
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	9	11	13	1	1	4					174
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	2	1	2	1	3				246
90	2nd Tuesday	6	6	9	1	2	4				1	274
91	3rd Friday	4	3	3		3		3			3	135
92	2nd Friday	18	16	21	2	3	2	5				459
93	1st Wednesday	11	11	11	2	1	2	1				180
94	2nd Tuesday	3	2	2			1	7				87
96	1st Thursday	9	9	13	5	2	1	4			2	323
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	2			1	9			1	102
98	Friday after F.M.	4	3					2			2	71
99	2nd Wednesday	8	7	4	2	1						149
100	2nd Monday	9	8	8	2	2		2				310
101	3rd Friday	13	14	13	1	6	4	2				241
103	Last Thursday	10	8	20	1	1	6					377
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	9	11	9	1	4	1	1				158
105	2nd Tuesday	19	11	11	6	2	1	2				309
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	12	10			1					141
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	2		2	2	3	2				112
108	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	5	2	2		2	1	6				97
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	14	8	7		1	3	3			3	150
110	1st Tuesday	15	13	13	3	1	1				1	184
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	4	1	7	1					183
114	1st Friday	14	8	7	3	4	3				1	258
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	6	2	1	1					209
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	4	2	1	1	1				76
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		2		2			1	71
119	Monday before F.M.	2	3	5								126
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	3		1	2	2				82
121	3rd Friday	15	20	20	4	3	2	3			3	667
122	1st Monday	5	6	8	3	2	3	3				173
123	1st Thursday	17	17	20	1	4	5	14				343
125	1st Wednesday	6	9	6	3	1	1					212
126	1st Tuesday	17	17	18	1	1	4	2				201
127	Monday before F.M.	1	2			4	4				2	168
128	1st Thursday	6	6	13	3	2	5	8			2	225
129	1st Friday	8	7	7	4	2		1				171
131	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	2	3	4	2	1		3				116
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	3	1		4				1	122
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	6	4	2	4	6	2			3	146
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	3	2	5		1						84
137	1st Tuesday	6	6	6		3		3				139
139	2nd Tuesday	17	18	15	4	2	3	3			2	272
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	3	3	1	1	1				1	162
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	8	2	5		2			1	140
142	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	7	4			3					99
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	10	12		1	2	1			1	136
144	3rd Friday	10	9	9	5	3	3	13				385
145	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5		1	2	5				101



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Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Mas ter	Secretary
46	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh	J. E. Slade	Delbert Sexsmith
47	Mississippi.....	Almonte	W. M. Johnson	S. Bradley
48	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa	Robt. S. Holmes	H. W. Lothrop
49	aErie.....	Port Dover	Leigh Corbett	John C. King
51	aGrand River.....	Kitchener	G. Bray	P. Fisher
53	aBurns.....	Wyoming	Alex. McManus	Robt. Hart
54	aIrving.....	Lucan	Harry Neil	C. J. Murdy
55	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough	Wm. D. Campbell	F. H. Dobbin
56	aYork.....	Toronto	A. H. Dalby	W. E. Hofland
57	aSimpson.....	Newboro	H. G. Sheldon	B. F. Bolton
58	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs	Geo. Fowler	J. W. Sauvey
59	aGoodwood.....	Richmond	A. L. Tulman	S. B. Gordon
61	aPercy.....	Warkworth	H. S. Allen	A. M. Smale
62	Forest.....	Wroxeter	John McCutcheon	Thos. Brown
64	aStar of the East.....	Wellington	Thos. Fillingham	E. L. Hubbs
65	aBurlington.....	Burlington	I. J. Heldman	Jas. S. Allen
66	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek	John J. Basley	D. H. Firth
68	aMerritt.....	Welland	H. D. Emerson	H. E. Dawdy
69	aMacnab.....	Port Colborne	C. G. Carter	R. Taylor
70	aBritannia.....	Seaforth	Robt. C. Ovens	C. Aberhart
71	aPrince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.	Alex. W. Loucks	J. C. Patterson
72	Ayr.....	Ayr	E. F. Cuthbertson	A. D. MacIntyre
74	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan	J. H. Anderson	J. E. Biddle
77	The Builders.....	Ottawa	Jas. Dobbie	J. J. McGill
78	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville	G. C. Routley	John Bristow
80	aSpeed.....	Guelph	J. Goulden	Bard Whetstone
81	aOriental.....	Port Burwell	A. N. Wright	L. W. Diehl
84	aOld Light.....	Lucknow	E. H. Hodgins	R. V. McKenzie
85	aEnniskillen.....	York	E. J. Thompson	E. S. Bradt
86	aPlantagenet.....	Riceville	Dr. J. H. McIntosh	G. A. Ryan
190	Belmont.....	Belmont	Alva Jones	J. F. Turner
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia	H. A. Raney	Wm. J. Boyle
193	aScotland.....	Scotland	E. E. Messecar	C. W. Stuart
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia	Thos. W. Brooks	J. R. Steadman
195	aTuscan.....	London	C. B. King	B. H. Higgins
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior	John L. Whyte	Henry Newham
197	aSaugeen.....	Walkerton	H. M. Norrish	C. T. Boss
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	A. J. Corbett	Geo. F. S. LeWarne
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque	H. D. Rogers	A. L. Knight
203	Irvine.....	Elora	Harold Arthur	R. D. Cardno
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg	W. J. Holloway	A. R. G. Smith
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster	Geo. I. Sangster	John C. Dunlop
209	aEvergreen.....	Lanark	E. P. McLaren	Robt. Wilson
209a	aSt. John's.....	London	C. J. Atkins	Edwin Smith
215	aLake.....	Ameliasburg	Fred B. Russell	H. E. Redner
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville	W. J. Adams	John Norris
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi	W. E. Sutherland	A. R. Hargrave
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto	A. E. Martin	H. C. H. Corneil
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown	Arthur Norrington	Geo. Ford
220	aZeredatha.....	Uxbridge	J. W. Rynard	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain.....	Thorold	Fred B. Mable	W. J. Mable
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora	F. R. Wells	D. E. Bell
223	aNorwood.....	Norwood	C. B. Plant	J. F. Pearce
224	aZurich.....	Hensall	Donald Brintnell	A. W. E. Hemphill
225	aBernard.....	Listowel	Wm. H. Faulkner	J. H. Blackmore
228	aPrince Arthur.....	Odessa	Blake Switzer	E. S. Parrott
229	aIonic.....	Brampton	Henry Peacock	W. J. Fenton
230	Kerr.....	Barrie	Ephraim McFadden	W. N. Duff
231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa	H. F. Bode	Robt. Shaw



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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
146	Wed. bef. F.M.	4	3	4		1						95
147	1st Friday	7	5	6	1		2					152
148	2nd Tuesday	9	9	7	2	11	2	2				348
149	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	4	1	2		2				124
151	2nd Tuesday	17	16	22	7	1	1				1	363
153	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3			2					128
154	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	3	1	1					113
155	1st Friday	12	16	16	3	4	5					329
156	3rd Friday	13	13	7	2	4	6	3			2	424
157	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	3								87
158	Thurs. on or after F.M.	1	4		1		2	9				97
159	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2		1		1				86
161	Wed before F.M.	6	8	6		1					1	100
162	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	2		1						60
164	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2			1	3	3					139
165	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	11	6	1	2	6			1	219
166	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	15	19	19	2		3					271
168	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	13	13	8	2	6	2				232
169	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	15	13	19	1	2	2	1			1	186
170	1st Monday	4	5	6	1		2				1	143
171	Fri. on or bef. F.M.					1	1	8			2	47
172	2nd Monday	6	6	3	1	1	1	2				83
174	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1		2	1	1	2	4			1	113
177	2nd Friday	9	8	11	3	4		1			1	432
178	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	1		1					68
180	1st Tuesday	14	18	18	1	4	2	14			1	307
181	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2		3	2	3			2	65
184	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6		1	1					152
185	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	4		1	1				1	73
186	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3		1		4			3	58
190	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4	1	1	1					107
192	1st Friday	26	26	23	4	1	6	4			1	410
193	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	3	1	1	1	2			2	133
194	2nd Wednesday	7	5	4		2	6	3				199
195	1st Monday	10	7	7	7	4	4	5			3	284
196	2nd Monday	5	7	12		1	4	1			1	156
197	2nd Tuesday	5	12	11	3	5	1					143
200	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3		3	2	1	1					111
201	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	6	3	3	7					260
203	3rd Friday	1	2	2	1	1	2	1			1	116
205	Mon. after F.M.	2	2									55
207	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		1						127
209	1st Tuesday	4	4	7	2		2					89
209a	1st Friday	21	23	25	7		4				2	628
215	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	6	5			2				1	100
216	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	10	12	10	3	3	3				2	244
217	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	1			1						86
218	2nd Monday	17	23	24		6	5	6			2	399
219	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	8	2	2	5	4			1	152
220	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	10	12	2	5	2	4			3	199
221	2nd Thursday	10	10	10	1	1	3	1				266
222	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	15	11	12	1	2	2	1				125
223	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	2	1	2	1				1	114
224	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		2	1	1				96
225	Fr. on or bef. F.M.	5	9	6	1	2	2	1			1	229
228	Mon. on or after F.M.	3	2	1	1		3	5			1	108
229	3rd Tuesday	11	13	12	3	3	3					242
230	3rd Friday	12	15	21	3		3	3			1	311
231	3rd Tuesday	11	12	9		2	5	2			1	427

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	aCameron	Dutton	H. B. Hockin	M. S. Claus
233	Doric	Parkhill	F. V. Laughton	J. H. Young
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	W. E. Boyd	Thos. G. Idle
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Jas. B. McKay	H. McKerracher
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	R. R. Coleman	T. McKnight
237	Vienna	Vienna	M. R. Hotchkiss	S. S. Clutton
238	Havelock	Watford	R. B. Luckham	Peter Garson
239	Tweed	Tweed	Thos. S. Rath	W. W. Garrett
242	aMacy	Mallorytown	John H. Fawcett	John Collins
243	aSt. George	St. George	J. Gilchrist	W. J. Scott
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	Neil McMillan	Angus Graham
247	aAshlar	Toronto	M. G. Griffiths	W. H. Lyon
249	aCaledonian	Midland	H. J. Thompson	R. R. Wilson
250	Thistle	Embro	John McKay	D. J. McLeod
253	aMinden	Kingston	Geo. W. McGlynn	R. S. Graham
254	aClifton	Niagara Falls	Alex. C. Milne	J. C. Lymburner
255	Sydenham	Dresden	John W. Francis	John French
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	H. P. Anderson	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	C. H. Smith	E. F. Hetherington
258	Guelph	Guelph	John G. Grieve	F. F. Sweetman
259	Springfield	Springfield	Wm. C. McIntyre	M. M. Black
260	aWashington	Petrolia	Robt. B. Bell	H. F. Winter
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	F. B. Stewart	J. S. Hislop
262	aHarriston	Harriston	Jas. Bruce	H. J. Hucks
263	aForest	Forest	Hugh Freele	R. B. Crosbie
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	Geo. Patrick, Jr.	Henry Gates
265	Patterson	Thornhill	P. T. Drake	J. A. Thompson
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	W. C. Thompson	D. G. Bell
267	Parthenon	Chatham	Geo. J. Robinson	J. G. Martin
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	B. E. Kelly	Harry Stinson
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	W. G. Bingham	Thos. Gregg
270	aCedar	Oshawa	O. W. Wilson	M. L. Argall
271	Wellington	Erin	E. Griner	T. C. Foster
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Ernest McMullen	W. G. Simpson
274	aKent	Blenheim	W. L. Shillington	John Crookshank
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	Geo. K. Brown	G. S. Fowler
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie	R. A. Corbett	Thos. O. Johnston
279	aNew Hope	Hespeler	F. A. Calvert	Arthur Pullam
282	Lorne	Glencoe	L. W. M. Freele	C. G. Yorke
283	aEureka	Belleville	W. R. Doolittle	W. Jeffers Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	J. W. Armstrong	Wm. Gillespie
285	Seven Star	Alliston	J. R. Hood	W. Caesar
286	Wingham	Wingham	J. D. Beecroft	R. A. Coutts
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	Geo. Blanchard	A. P. Freed
289	aDoric	Lobo	Wilbert Arrand	P. L. Graham
290	aLeamington	Leamington	E. J. Atkin	G. A. Campbell
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro	B. A. Hunter	Wesley Green
292	aRobertson	King	Wm. Hoiles	Jas. E. Burns
294	aMoore	Courtright	A. B. Clysdale	C. W. Kent
295	aConestogo	Drayton	W. S. Hill	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	F. N. Rutherford	C. A. Brown
297	Preston	Preston	A. N. B. Rogers	Jos. A. King
299	Victoria	Centreville	C. S. Doupe	A. M. Bell
300	aMount Olivet	Thorndale	R. C. Harding	R. H. Harding
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Chas. B. McClurg	W. H. Stapleton
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Geo. W. Snell	Robt. S. Pate
304	aMinerva	Stroud	I. B. Musselman	J. W. Latimer
305	Humber	Weston	T. R. Simpson	Wm. C. Burrage
306	Durham	Durham	S. D. Croft	E. A. Hay

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232	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3	2	1	4					124
233	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	8	7	7	2	1	1					141
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	6	2							97
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	2	3	2	1					136
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	1	3	4	2	4	1	3				130
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	6	2		1	3				112
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	3	2	4	1	3	2					106
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	9	9	2	1	2	2			1	173
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	2	1	1		4					134
243	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2		5	3				2	91
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	6								126
247	4th Tuesday	13	12	12	1	9	6	1				462
249	Monday bef. F.M.	8	9	8	1	1	1				1	296
250	Thur. bef. F.M.	9	10	9	1	3	1					126
253	1st Tuesday	23	22	22	4	4	1				2	330
254	1st Thursday	23	18	22	6	3	5	6				501
255	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	5		2	3				2	150
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1		2	2	1				115
257	1st Tuesday	14	12	8	3	4	1	3				288
258	2nd Tuesday	29	25	31	2	1	1	8				302
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	8	1	1		1				184
260	1st Wednesday	10	10	9		2	4	6			1	201
261	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1		2	1	6			1	49
262	2nd Monday	4	5	5		1	1	5				115
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	10	8	11	1		2	1				160
264	4th Tuesday	8	9	19	2	4	6	5				408
265	3rd Thursday	10	10	9	2							137
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	4	2	2		2			1	78
267	1st Wednesday	15	14	16	4	2	6	4				500
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	2	1	1	1	5			2	95
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	6	7	8		2	1				1	105
270	4th Tuesday	20	30	26	7	2	5				2	263
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3	2	1	2					112
272	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	9		3	1	1			1	207
274	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	14	10	8	4	3	2					199
276	4th Thursday	10	7	6	4	3		2			1	74
277	2nd Wednesday	11	9	11	2							112
279	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	4	1			2			1	133
282	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1	1		1				124
283	Wed. after F.M.	19	20	18		2	5	5				281
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	5	1	1	1				1	124
285	2nd Monday	13	14	11	3	2	1					177
286	1st Tuesday	5	7	5	4	1	1					166
287	1st Tuesday	20	21	20	6	7	6	1			2	476
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3	1		2	2				125
290	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	15	16	13	8	5	2					297
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7	1	2	1	2				144
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	5	3	2						81
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	6	5								92
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	1								127
296	3rd Wednesday	16	14	7	2	7	4	6				332
297	3rd Friday	4	4	6	1	5	2	3				163
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	8	1	1						83
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1		1						93
302	3rd Thurs.	19	17	13	3	5	3	6			4	482
303	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	2	1	4	3					112
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	10		2	1					155
305	4th Friday	9	10	9	2	4	1	5				197
306	2nd Tuesday	13	12	10		2	4	1				135

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
307	aArkona.....	Arkona.....	Otto Schmidt.....	S. C. Catt.....
309	aMorning Star .....	Carlow.....	Thos. Wilson.....	R. D. Munro.....
311	aBlackwood .....	Woodbridge.....	F. J. Watson.....	John A. Fraser.....
312	aPnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	H. F. Warrener.....	J. Barber.....
313	aClementi.....	Lakefield.....	J. E. Milburn.....	A. E. Kennedy.....
314	aBlair.....	Palmerston.....	N. McLaughlin.....	J. Corbitt.....
315	aClifford.....	Clifford.....	Walter Fulton.....	Wm. Graef.....
316	aDoric.....	Toronto.....	F. S. Rubjohn.....	Harry P. Reid.....
318	aWilmot.....	Baden.....	A. E. Livingston.....	W. A. Ruthig.....
319	aHiram.....	Hagersville.....	N. R. Graham.....	W. C. VanLoon.....
320	aChesterville.....	Chesterville.....	David Allison.....	Geo. Elliott.....
321	aWalker.....	Acton.....	D. N. McTavish.....	R. M. McDonald.....
322	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound.....	N. E. McDonald.....	A. A. Parks.....
323	aAlvinston.....	Alvinston.....	Delmer Kearney.....	James Holme.....
324	aTemple.....	Hamilton.....	C. K. Jutten.....	E. L. Isard.....
325	aOrono.....	Orono.....	John W. Berry.....	Neil Colville.....
326	aZetland.....	Toronto.....	C. A. Hutchinson.....	F. G. Logan.....
327	aHammond.....	Wardsville.....	John H. Miller.....	R. E. Winters.....
328	aIonic.....	Napier.....	Royden Quick.....	W. T. Buchanan.....
329	aKing Solomon's.....	Jarvis.....	Thos. McNeil.....	R. W. Smith.....
330	aCorinthian.....	London.....	G. H. Bennett.....	H. J. Childs.....
331	aFordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Gordon Jefferson.....	A. C. Hutchinson.....
332	aStratford.....	Stratford.....	H. Denroche.....	E. Denroche.....
333	aPrince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	Thos. Phillips.....	F. J. Thurston.....
334	aPrince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	E. C. McFarlane.....	W. G. Gorvett.....
336	aHighgate.....	Highgate.....	J. R. McPherson.....	J. G. Montgomery.....
337	aMyrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	Robt. R. Camp.....	Chas. S. Ross.....
338	aDufferin.....	Wellandport.....	Ernest Stillwell.....	W. T. Fralick.....
339	aOrient.....	Toronto.....	Ernest O. Hewitt.....	H. D. Ashley.....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton.....	Wm. Grunden.....	D. A. McLaren.....
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	R. G. Archer.....	Geo. Thompson.....
344	aMerrill.....	Dorchester.....	R. R. Jelley.....	R. A. Logan.....
345	aNilestown.....	Nilestown.....	John F. Johnson.....	R. J. Carswell.....
346	aOccident.....	Toronto.....	Isaac Johnston.....	Wm. M. Williams.....
347	aMercer.....	Fergus.....	R. J. Chambers.....	Geo. A. Reynolds.....
348	aGeorgian.....	Penetanguishene.....	S. M. James.....	R. D. Keefe.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound.....	Chas. E. Kenney.....	Geo. L. Ziegler.....
354	aBrock.....	Cannington.....	W. H. W. Lowes.....	C. F. Bick.....
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville.....	W. N. Atkinson.....	R. M. Woodruff.....
357	aWaterdown.....	Millgrove.....	L. E. Allison.....	John A. Dalton.....
358	aDelaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	A. E. Monteith.....	S. Merrill.....
359	aVittoria.....	Vittoria.....	Geo. H. Jones.....	John Pow.....
360	aMuskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	J. W. Reid.....	F. P. Warne.....
361	aWaverley.....	Guelph.....	H. W. Hinman.....	W. Simpson.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	W. S. Tindale.....	R. I. Shannon.....
364	aDufferin.....	Melbourne.....	L. E. Baker.....	Geo. J. Stevenson.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	Thos. B. Wells.....	A. B. Hutchcroft.....
368	aSalem.....	Brockville.....	T. H. Jacobs.....	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	Ezra Southall.....	W. A. Beecroft.....
370	aHarmony.....	Delta.....	S. H. Barlow.....	H. E. Johnson.....
371	aPrince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	Geo. H. Baker.....	A. E. Revell.....
372	aPalmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	Geo. J. Hanes.....	N. D. Graham.....
373	aCopestone.....	Welland.....	Roy M. Herdman.....	Alf. Tattersall.....
374	aKeene.....	Keene.....	R. J. Lovell.....	Peter Gillespie.....
375	aLorne.....	Omamee.....	Cyrus R. Hart.....	W. J. Thorn.....
376	aUnity.....	Huntsville.....	W. J. Abraham.....	Oscar Wieler.....
377	aLorne.....	Shelf-urne.....	M. C. Crawford.....	Samuel Patterson.....
378	aKing Solomon's.....	London.....	C. E. A. Webbe.....	Wm. Nicholls.....
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston.....	Roy Hudson.....	Edward Coleman.....



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307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	1							76
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	8		1	2					81
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	4		1	1	1			1	76
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	12				5			2	209
313	1st Tuesday	8	11	10	2	1	2					137
314	2nd Friday	1			3		1	1				145
315	3rd Monday	3	3	3		1		5				74
316	3rd Thursday	14	17	17	1	7	5	6			3	522
318	Fri. on or after F.M.	1	1	1	1		1	1				36
319	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	12	16	19	1	1	1					169
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1			2	3	1	8				134
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	8	1	4						117
322	Wed. after F.M.	9	12	11		5		10				267
323	Wed. on bef. F.M.	4	3	1		2	1				4	93
324	2nd Tuesday	24	26	28	7	6	8	2			1	599
325	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	2			1	1				82
326	4th Friday	19	21	19	18	5	10	9				673
327	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5	2	1		4				58
328	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	8		3	1					74
329	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3								90
330	1st Tuesday	15	14	14	3	5	1	8			1	363
331	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2		1		21			2	57
332	2nd Monday	22	22	20	4	4	4	7			3	350
333	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	12	9	5	1	2						118
334	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	1		1	1	4				70
336	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	5		2		3				100
337	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		1	1					88
338	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3			3	2				87
339	1st Tuesday	15	13	15	1	2	5	18				459
341	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	1		2	1	7		9			2	69
343	1st Saturday	19	17	18	2	3	6	7			1	508
344	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	1		1	2						78
345	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3			2					111
346	3rd Wednesday	18	18	24	2	5	6	11			2	625
347	1st Friday	7	7	9		4						123
348	1st Thursday	5	5	2		2	3	3				135
352	3rd Wednesday	14	16	16	1	3	4	9			1	287
354	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1				5				91
356	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1		1	4			1	120
357	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	12	12	15	1	1					1	190
358	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		3	3	1	3						75
359	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5			3	1			1	76
360	1st Tuesday	9	9	11			2	2				131
361	4th Monday	27	20	19	8	6	3	1			2	404
362	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	2	2	1					88
364	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	2			1				3	75
367	1st Friday	20	23	24		7	7	19			2	480
368	2nd Monday	10	16	13	6	3	4					296
369	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	17	20	19	3	1	4	6				243
370	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	5	4	1	3	1					94
371	4th Friday	19	18	18	2	1	7	3				339
372	1st Tuesday	13	11	10		2	1	5			1	179
373	1st Thursday	14	17	15	1	2	2	3				244
374	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6	1		1					43
375	1st Thursday	3	6	8	1	3	1	5				100
376	2nd Wednesday	3	7	8	3	2	3				1	166
377	1st Friday	10	13	14	2	1	3	7			2	138
378	2nd Thursday	17	20	20	4	3	2	9			2	408
379	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	4		2						66



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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
380	aUnion.....	London.....	Alex. McLoughlin.....	Jos. Ward.....
382	aDoric.....	Hamilton.....	H. E. Geiger.....	C. V. Emory.....
383	aHenderson.....	Winchester.....	A. H. Armable.....	F. A. Coons.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	Fred C. Gullen.....	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry.....	Beeton.....	N. B. Ford.....	N. P. McDonald.....
386	aMcColl.....	West Lorne.....	St. Clair Liddell.....	A. W. Smith.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	Jas. W. Mackie.....	G. H. Landon.....
388	aHenderson.....	Ilderton.....	A. C. Hutchinson.....	S. R. Prebble.....
389	aCrystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	G. D. Ackland.....	Wm. W. Bobier.....
390	aFlorence.....	Florence.....	Wm. D. Huston.....	Jas. Beatty.....
391	aHoward.....	Ridgetown.....	H. P. Stennett.....	T. A. Routledge.....
392	aHuron.....	Camlachie.....	Alfred Hillier.....	John Anderson.....
393	aForest.....	Chesley.....	John West.....	Harry Stevens.....
394	aKing Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	F. A. Smith.....	W. W. Day.....
395	aParvaim.....	Comber.....	F. M. Wright.....	L. Dean.....
396	aCedar.....	Warton.....	J. F. Stewart.....	F. H. Deachman.....
397	aLeopold.....	Brigden.....	W. H. Johnston.....	C. C. Watson.....
398	aVictoria.....	Kirkfield.....	R. E. Smith.....	Wm. T. McRae.....
399	aMoffat.....	Harrietsville.....	Herbert Morris.....	H. W. Yorke.....
400	aOakville.....	Oakville.....	L. A. Wilkinson.....	E. O. Taylor.....
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto.....	K. A. Bowen.....	T. L. McCullough.....
402	aCentral.....	Essex.....	H. H. Bricker.....	H. R. Johnson.....
403	aWindsor.....	Windsor.....	F. A. Millard.....	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	Herbert York.....	John S. Brown.....
405	aMattawa.....	Mattawa.....	A. I. Tongue.....	H. H. Betts.....
406	aSpry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	E. A. White.....	H. J. Townley.....
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	Angus McKay.....	W. C. Latimer.....
409	aGolden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	H. W. Wiancko.....	W. H. Butterworth.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	S. C. MacGowan.....	W. E. Robson.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	J. H. Burnett.....	J. B. Stinson.....
412	aKeystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	J. H. Jenkinson.....	E. M. Shaw.....
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilbury.....	Stanley Forbes.....	P. M. Lampman.....
414	aPequonga.....	Kenora.....	A. G. Stevenson.....	F. J. Kelly.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	John Bell.....	C. E. Coombes.....
416	aLyn.....	Lyn.....	Morris Westlake.....	F. Stafford.....
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	Chas. W. House.....	P. E. Baker.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	J. H. Munro.....	W. S. McLean.....
419	aLiberty.....	Sarnia.....	W. J. Aitchison.....	W. J. Alcock.....
420	aNipissing.....	North Bay.....	Arch. Freeman.....	B. F. Nott.....
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	J. H. Donaghy.....	W. L. Craig.....
422	aStar of the East.....	Bothwell.....	B. H. Hankinson.....	T. E. Baynton.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	Roy. H. Malyon.....	Milford Gulley.....
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	A. E. Stork.....	J. C. Stork.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	H. M. Stover.....	A. McRitchie.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	Geo. W. Tindall.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	Lorne Fowler.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	aFidelity.....	Port Perry.....	Frd A. Johns.....	J. W. Crozier.....
429	aPort Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	U. D. Cottrill.....	A. L. Wyant.....
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	Norman H. Reesor.....	R. G. Allan.....
431	aMoravian.....	Cargill.....	Rev. Wm. Lee.....	M. L. Ziegler.....
432	aHanover.....	Hanover.....	John C. Engel.....	W. D. Staples.....
433	aBonnechere.....	Eganville.....	John Shane.....	Jas. Reeves.....
434	aAlgonquin.....	Emsdale.....	H. R. Hayward.....	Jas. Metcalfe.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	Hugh W. Brown.....	H. F. McNichol.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	Chas. Harrison.....	Donald Dewar.....
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	St. Clair Slater.....	W. J. Barrie.....
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	Robt. A. Pearce.....	Thos. Robertson.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria.....	J. A. McCrimmon.....	H. L. Cheney.....
440	aArcadia.....	Minden.....	S. A. Taylor.....	Wilmer Macarthur.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	H. A. Briese.....	John D. Adams.....

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## Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or about that of St. John the Baptist.

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
380	2nd Monday	11	13	13	3	2	7	8			1	374
382	3rd Monday	21	24	22	4	4	7	1			2	535
383	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1				2		2				106
384	1st Thursday	15	20	22	1	4	7	3			1	655
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	2	2		4						89
386	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	11	11	11	1		2	7			1	166
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	10	1	3		1				90
388	Moh. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3	2	4	1	4			2	115
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	3		1	1					99
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	1			1					73
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	7	7	1	4	2	2				173
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4			3					101
393	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	12	13	5				3				120
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	6			4					127
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	3								83
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	6	2	1	1	1				161
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3	3		1	3				112
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	8	7	2	1		1				91
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	5		1						81
400	1st Tuesday	21	23	24	4	3	6	9				227
401	2nd Tuesday	9	7	8			4				1	128
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	9	4	1						207
403	1st Friday	44	41	40	4	6	6	27			2	606
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	3		1					3	79
405	1st Tuesday			1		3	1					110
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	4		1	1					106
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	3	1		2					123
409	2nd Monday	5	3	5		1	2				1	137
410	4th Friday	18	21	19	1	5	2	7				474
411	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	10	9	7	1	6						96
412	1st Tuesday	9	10	9	3	9	2	13			1	477
413	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7	1	8	2	1				114
414	1st Wednesday	11	10	8	4	1	1	1			3	293
415	2nd Wednesday	21	19	21	4	1	1	3			2	402
416	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1	1		7				57
417	1st Friday	5	8	9	1	2	1					124
418	2nd Friday	2	2	1	3	1	1				1	107
419	2nd Monday	10	9	4	1		1	2				159
420	2nd Monday	4	6	7	1	2	2	6			2	314
421	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2	2	2		5				100
422	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	5		3	1					102
423	3rd Monday	6	6	5	1							101
424	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	4			1				1	63
425	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	2				1			1	105
426	1st Tuesday	16	16	21	1	6	6	2			3	347
427	1st Wednesday	16	10	15	4	7		5				545
428	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	6	9	1	5	2	5			1	164
429	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2	1	1	1					84
430	3rd Monday	15	14	18		3	2	11			1	376
431	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	1	1	1			1	5				50
432	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	10	1							116
433	2nd Monday	2	3	3				1			1	105
434	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	9	8	5		1	2					132
435	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	9	1	1	2	4			1	163
436	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	9	5	8	1	2						83
437	3rd Wednesday	21	18	28	8	2	5					436
438	4th Monday	14	14	13	4	7	2	5			5	509
439	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	9	10	7			1	2			2	89
440	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		1						86
441	1st Friday	2	1			3	1	13			3	85

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDymont.....	Thessalon.....	Wm. H. Tremelling	W. R. Benson
443	aPowassan.....	Powassan.....	John M. Scott	W. C. Porter
444	aNitetis.....	Creemore.....	Arthur A. May	Rev. J. H. Colclough
445	aLake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	C L. Parrott	W. J. Heaney
446	aGranite.....	Fort Frances.....	Fred Roseborough	F. H. Warner
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	W. H. Armitage	S. M. Evans
448	aXenophon.....	Wheatley.....	K. C. Visard	Jas. D. McGregor
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	Wilbert Coutts	L. C. Champ
450	aHawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	D. W. Johns	J. W. Holtby
451	aSomerville.....	Kinmount.....	Wallace Scott	C. W. Wellstood
452	aAvonmore.....	Avonmore.....	Thorold Rutley	S. E. Shaver
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	W. H. Gillespie	F. C. Perry
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	E. J. McClellan	J. J. Wilson
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	Oscar Bennett	Arthur J. Hanley
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	Wilfrid Smith	A. Chalmers
457	aCentury.....	Merlin.....	John Holmes	J. A. McPherson
458	aWales.....	Wales.....	A. L. Feader	Geo. D. Colquhoun
459	aCobden.....	Cobden.....	John Ireton	H. C. Morris
460	aRideau.....	Seely's Bay.....	Geo. Gardiner	C. C. Gilbert
461	aIonic.....	Rainy River.....	L. L. Budrean	J. M. Russell
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	Thos. S. Armstrong	J. H. Brown
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	Frank McIntyre	Fred Jones
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	Elmore Crossen	L. M. Pinkham
465	aCarleton.....	Carp.....	John D. Callan	Geo. A. Moore
466	aCoronation.....	Elmvale.....	Harry Wade	J. T. Foster
467	aTottenham.....	Tottenham.....	Harold Evans	J. J. McKnight
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	Jas. N. Proctor	J. W. Phillips
469	aAlgoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	W. C. Paul	Wm. Rubenstein
470	aVictoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	E. Stoddart	J. P. Schissler
471	aKing Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	M. C. Bacon	W. Smeaton
472	aGore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	R. Robinson	E. W. Davis
473	aThe Beaches.....	Toronto.....	David Reid	W. J. Manchester
474	aVictoria.....	Toronto.....	F. P. Hopkins	W. J. Wandsworth
475	aDundurn.....	Hamilton.....	T. R. Hawkins	J. M. Dunlop
476	aCorinthian.....	North Gower.....	F. L. Brownlee	J. H. Cryderman
477	aHarding.....	Woodville.....	John R. Kelsey	A. E. Staback
478	aMilverton.....	Milverton.....	W. A. Heughan	E. Seigner
479	aRussell.....	Russell.....	E. E. Sutherland	W. B. Morgan
480	aWilliamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	P. E. Barkley	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian.....	Toronto.....	Frank Glenfield	W. H. Hunter
482	aBancroft.....	Bancroft.....	H. M. Price	R. F. Delyea
483	aGranton.....	Granton.....	Austin Hobbs	Chas. Powers
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	A. J. Clempson	Geo. N. Dechert
485	aHaileybury.....	Haileybury.....	W. R. Somerville	H. A. Seymour
486	aSilver.....	Cobalt.....	Wilfrid McRae	G. A. Cavin
487	aPenewobikong.....	Blind River.....	R. P. Scott	Geo. J. McArthur
488	aKing Edward.....	Harrow.....	Scott Iler	G. E. Johnston
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	John L. Callen	John J. Bradley
490	aHiram.....	Markdale.....	J. C. Mercer	S. J. Edgerton
491	aCardinal.....	Cardinal.....	E. J. McLatchie	W. T. Kingston
492	aKarnak.....	Coldwater.....	F. J. Brown	H. Elliott
493	aSt. Marys.....	St. Mary's.....	Geo. C. Oliver	L. G. Maxwell
494	aRiverdale.....	Toronto.....	M. J. Folinsbee	W. R. Ward
495	aElectric.....	Hamilton.....	Rich. D. Berry	W. F. Montague
496	aUniversity.....	Toronto.....	W. S. Kirkland	A. E. MacLean
497	aSt. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	T. J. Alexander	J. A. Pringle
498	aKing George V.....	Coboconk.....	Henry J. Hall	Chas. M. Callan
499	aPort Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	A. Watson	A. Rome
500	aRose.....	Windsor.....	B. A. Harrison	M. P. McMaster

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442	2nd Thursday	6	9	10		3	1	12			5	124
443	2nd Friday	9	9	8	1	2						102
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	2	3	2	1						1	87
445	2nd Wednesday	8	6	4	2	3	1	3				83
446	1st Tuesday	12	15	11		3	2	5				177
447	2nd Thursday	4	3	2	1			3				90
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	6	2	2	1	2			1	73
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	11	7	8	7	1	1	10				100
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	1	2	1		2	5				100
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		1	1				1	72
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.		2	4								93
453	1st Wednesday	10	10	11	2	2	3	4				220
454	2nd Monday	10	9	8								129
455	2nd Tuesday	3	4	3		1		4			2	103
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2		2	1					64
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	26	17	16	1							150
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	6								115
459	2nd Tuesday	4	4	4	1							127
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		4	1					74
461	1st Thursday	5	8	13	2			9			1	105
462	3rd Thursday	9	6	5	2	3		21			4	170
463	3rd Thursday	3	3	5			2					84
464	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	2								108
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3		2							76
466	1st Friday	2	3	5		2	2	1			1	98
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	7	4	4		3	3	1				71
468	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	6	7	8	1		2	1				110
469	2nd Monday	14	13	13	4	4	2	5			1	308
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	2		2	2						140
471	1st Wednesday	4	2	2	2	1	2	1				98
472	1st Wednesday	5	5	4	1	1						112
473	2nd Friday	11	10	11		3	4					312
474	3rd Tuesday	19	17	24	3	6	2					429
475	3rd Saturday	23	27	25	4	3	5	21			7	541
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	7	7	1	1	1					92
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2	1	1	1	3				80
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	5	5	1	3	1					95
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	3	3	10	2	9	2					156
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1				6				59
481	4th Thursday	13	18	22		7	2				2	355
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	13	13	13	2	3	1	6				168
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	4	4	1		1	1				74
484	2nd Tuesday	3	6	5	2	2	1	5				110
485	1st Thursday	11	11	14	4	11	4	8			3	208
486	1st Monday	18	21	25	2	7		10			1	267
487	2nd Monday	6	4	4		3						77
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	6	3	2					1	117
489	Friday aft. F.M.	6	11	9	1		2					145
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		1						62
491	2nd Friday	4	3	4		2	1					94
492	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	6		1						101
493	4th Monday	2	4	3	2	2	2					173
494	4th Friday	17	24	28	4	2	1	14			2	413
495	3rd Wednesday	30	28	31	2	8	3	20				560
496	2nd Wednesday	15	11	13	6		2				1	421
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		1						101
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	9	8				3				93
499	2nd Monday	16	21	25	2	3	1	7			2	312
500	3rd Tuesday	3	3	3	1	3	2	2				152



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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught.....	Mimico.....	John T. Lee	Geo. S. Brown
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	E. E. Patterson	H. G. Parrott
503	aInwood.....	Inwood.....	Fergus McNally.....	W. R. Dawson
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	E. W. Joynt.....	O. W. Wright
505	aLynden.....	Lynden.....	B. C. Humphrey.....	Wm. A. Smith
506	aPorcupine.....	Porcupine.....	E. J. Mason.....	Geo. R. Starling
507	aElk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	Geo. R. Crann.....	H. M. Somerville
508	aOzias.....	Brantford.....	Roy Pierson.....	F. W. Benedict
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	S. Halfyard.....	Geo. DeKleinhaus
510	aParkdale.....	Toronto.....	E. M. Grose.....	Geo. E. Buchanan
511	aConnaught.....	W. Fort William.....	A. E. Wray.....	D. McMillan
512	Malone.....	Sturton W.....	M. O. Tremayne.....	O. J. Silver
513	aCorinthian.....	Hamilton.....	V. C. Lowry.....	J. R. Croft
514	aSt. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	C. C. Rance.....	Geo. T. Gardiner
515	aReba.....	Brantford.....	W. C. Seago.....	S. W. Seago
516	aEnterprise.....	Beachburg.....	Jas. T. Valliant.....	P. C. Creeggan
517	aHazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	C. V. Riddell.....	A. V. Logan
518	aSioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	R. A. Shields.....	D. R. Rorke
519	aOnondaga.....	Onondaga.....	D. T. Thompson.....	A. A. Barton
520	aCoronati.....	Toronto.....	John R. Blaber.....	J. T. Stephenson
521	aOntario.....	Windsor.....	Peter A. Smith.....	A. R. Graham
522	aMount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	Isador Finberg.....	C. E. Gerrard
523	aRoyal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	John H. Miller.....	G. W. Haley
524	aMississauga.....	Port Credit.....	G. M. Petrie.....	W. M. Gemmell
525	aTemple.....	Toronto.....	Thos. C. Thompson.....	John F. Judge
526	aIonic.....	Westboro'.....	F. E. Bird.....	P. E. Watters
527	aEspanola.....	Espanola.....	Fred. W. Lang.....	J. W. Darby
528	aGolden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	G. F. Bailey.....	E. Richards
529	aMyra.....	Komoka.....	Homer Edwards.....	Chas. B. Smith
530	aCochrane.....	Cochrane.....	R. C. Mortson.....	R. R. Mitchell
531	aHigh Park.....	Toronto.....	Thos. W. Hunter.....	R. B. Magill
532	aCanada.....	Toronto.....	J. A. Campbell.....	J. E. Baker
533	aShamrock.....	Toronto.....	W. A. Potts.....	E. W. Leith
534	aEnglehart.....	Englehart.....	Fred Errett.....	Norman Williams
535	aPhoenix.....	Fonthill.....	Harvey W. Page.....	F. H. Clark
536	aAlgonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	W. T. Waterbury.....	A. F. Brock
537	aUlster.....	Toronto.....	Robt. S. Kerr.....	Geo. Chambers
538	aEarl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	Samuel Kay.....	Wm. Stephenson
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	Chas. G. Merrett.....	C. O. Hemphill
540	aAbitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	R. A. McInnis.....	Geo. S. Pincott
541	aTuscan.....	Toronto.....	D. M. Christie.....	S. J. Jackson
542	aMetropolitan.....	Toronto.....	A. M. Smith.....	A. L. Tinker
543	aImperial.....	Toronto.....	John E. Walker.....	A. Corscadden
544	aLincoln.....	Abingdon.....	John D. Warner.....	T. F. McKinnell
545	aJohn Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	Ernest Miles.....	W. J. S. Graham
546	aTalbot.....	St. Thomas.....	H. B. Waddell.....	W. A. McPherson
547	aVictory.....	Toronto.....	H. F. Gillson.....	E. M. Patterson
548	aGeneral Mercer.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Armstrong, Jr.....	C. H. Dearden
549	aIonic.....	Hamilton.....	J. M. Connor.....	Smith A. Wait
550	aBuchanan.....	Hamilton.....	D. T. Kilpatrick.....	Walter Peberdy
551	aTuscan.....	Hamilton.....	Alfred Oram.....	T. W. Appleton
552	aQueen City.....	Toronto.....	J. S. Shier.....	Geo. Carey
553	aOakwood.....	Toronto.....	J. H. Maughan.....	Wm. Hyndman
554	aBorder Cities.....	Windsor.....	J. T. Gresty.....	E. T. Howe
555	aWardrope.....	Hamilton.....	Thos. Tregunno.....	A. E. Wilcox
556	aNation.....	Spencerville.....	C. S. Montgomery.....	P. R. Barnard
557	aFinch.....	Finch.....	W. C. Johnstone.....	Arthur MacMillan
558	aSidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	Geo. Higman.....	W. E. Hayes



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No. or Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
501	2nd Thursday.....	9	13	11			1				1	236
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	14	7	5	3	1					1	109
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.		2	4	2		1	1				99
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	5	4								53
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1	1	2						90
506	1st Thursday.....	6	6	4	1	1						138
507	2nd Friday.....	7	6	3		1						97
508	3rd Tuesday.....	19	12	7	2	1						189
509	4th Friday.....	12	10	9	3	1	3	3				199
510	2nd Friday.....	14	17	21	2	2		1				293
511	3rd Monday.....	8	4	7	1		1					163
512	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5				2				124
513	4th Thursday.....	34	31	44	5	2	4	3				574
514	3rd Monday.....	14	14	19	1	5	3	10			3	394
515	2nd Friday.....	13	17	16			1	1				239
516	1st Monday.....	8	6	4	1	1					4	96
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	3			1	3				68
518	1st Monday.....	11	14	13		1	1					161
519	Last Friday.....	2	4	4		1	1					85
520	2nd Tuesday.....	27	23	24	3	7		6				395
521	1st Monday.....	38	41	42	1	4	3	34				397
522	2nd Tuesday.....	22	16	15	1		1	8				368
523	1st Monday.....	16	12	14	2	2	3					150
524	2nd Thursday.....	9	9	10	1	1						138
525	4th Tuesday.....	22	20	26	4	5	1	4			1	336
526	2nd Wednesday.....	12	7	7		2	2	2				194
527	1st Wednesday.....	12	12	10	2	1						95
528	2nd Wednesday.....	11	16	13	7	4	3				1	157
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.		1				1					52
530	2nd Friday.....	12	16	16	2	5					1	133
531	3rd Thursday.....	32	33	33	3	8	2				2	611
532	1st Friday.....	22	23	21	3	2	1	8			1	354
533	3rd Tuesday.....	7	9	10	3	8		8			1	337
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	7	6	3			12				151
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	11	10	10	1	1	1					88
536	3rd Tuesday.....	9	10	12	1	1						117
537	1st Monday.....	39	42	38	15	3	5	6				630
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4		1		4			1	60
539	1st Wednesday.....	13	11	9	1	5	3	1				118
540	3rd Friday.....	13	14	13	3	6		5			2	127
541	3rd Friday.....	24	26	24	3	3	1	3				436
542	4th Wednesday.....	13	15	15	2	4	2	3				171
543	4th Monday.....	15	9	12	6	2		1				249
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		1						71
545	3rd Tuesday.....	28	27	31	9	7		3				347
546	4th Thursday.....	29	25	26	1							263
547	2nd Wednesday.....	6	5	3								100
548	2nd Friday.....	27	20	21	3	3	1	1				257
549	1st Wednesday.....	24	19	22	1	1	2	6				214
550	1st Thursday.....	34	32	30	1	4		3				246
551	1st Thursday.....	33	32	34	4	1	3	3				336
552	2nd Wednesday.....	24	24	24	5	7	5	7				296
553	2nd Monday.....	17	18	16		8		9				207
554	1st Saturday.....	25	30	22	3	3	1	3			1	142
555	4th Monday.....	28	30	31		5	3	6			1	325
556	1st Friday.....	9	8	6	2		1					68
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	3		1	3						76
558	2nd Wednesday.....	18	16	13	7							115

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
559	aPalestine.....	Toronto.....	Abraham Brodey.....	Harry Melvin.....
560	aSt. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	J. N. Slater.....	E. L. Taylor.....
561	aAcacia.....	Westboro.....	G. K. Stewart.....	C. W. Crockett.....
562	aHamilton.....	Hamilton.....	R. O. Randall.....	D. R. Gibson.....
563	aVictory.....	Chatham.....	Wm. Baxter.....	W. Scurr.....
564	aAshlar.....	Ottawa.....	W. D. Taylor.....	Wm. Shortt.....
565	aKilwinning.....	Toronto.....	Malcolm Strachan.....	Thos. Forsyth.....
566	aKing Hiram.....	Toronto.....	R. Marshall.....	J. G. Burns.....
567	aSt. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	J. V. Scringier.....	D. B. McCunn.....
568	aHullett.....	Londesboro.....	Edward Youngblut.....	John Fingland.....
569	aDoric.....	Lakeside.....	James Muir.....	F. G. Seaton.....
570	aDufferin.....	Toronto.....	W. R. Johnston.....	I. H. Burns.....
571	aAntiquity.....	Toronto.....	Jas. Herriot.....	R. A. McDonald.....
572	aMizpah.....	Toronto.....	Jas. C. F. Treloas.....	Wm. Creasy.....
573	aAdoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	Alex. Fleming.....	H. M. Little.....
574	aCraig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	Hugh Adams.....	A. D. Campbell.....
575	aFidelity.....	Toronto.....	Chas. J. Steene.....	Wm. Moull.....
576	aMimosa.....	Toronto.....	H. G. Patton.....	N. L. Grant.....
577	aSt. Clair.....	Toronto.....	Harry Haynes.....	P. Bach.....
578	aQueen's.....	Kingston.....	L. T. Rutledge.....	E. W. Skinner.....
579	aHarmony.....	Windsor.....	C. H. Langwith.....	E. S. Totten.....
580	aAcacia.....	London.....	Edgar Chamberlain.....	W. G. Harding.....
581	aHarcourt.....	Toronto.....	A. D. Wilson.....	F. D. Tolchard.....
582	aSunnyside.....	Toronto.....	C. C. Bushlen.....	K. N. Carrie.....
583	aTransportation.....	Toronto.....	Albion Maynes.....	Jas. G. Dunn.....
584	aKaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	R. S. Dell.....	S. C. Read.....
585	aRoyal Edward.....	Kingston.....	H. W. Newman.....	W. J. Saunders.....
586	aWar Veterans.....	Toronto.....	E. H. Ross.....	W. H. Smith.....
587	aPatricia.....	Toronto.....	J. R. Moore.....	E. J. Reddick.....
588	aNational.....	Capreol.....	L. W. Ellis.....	H. Hembuff.....
589	aGrey.....	Toronto.....	G. F. MacFarland.....	J. W. Tucker.....
590	aDefenders.....	Ottawa.....	R. D. Wheatley.....	Robt. Shipley.....
591	aNorth Gate.....	Toronto.....	E. H. Richards.....	A. W. Urmey.....
592	aFairbank.....	Toronto.....	H. R. Young.....	W. J. Meridew.....
593	aSt. Andrew's.....	Hamilton.....	John C. Munro.....	F. W. Davidson.....
594	aHillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	John Geddes.....	J. S. Smethurst.....
595	aRideau.....	Ottawa.....	N. E. Beach.....	A. C. Wiltshire.....
596	aMartintown.....	Martintown.....	Geo. E. Batzer.....	D. H. McDougall.....
597	aTemple.....	London.....	W. H. Rath.....	C. McN. Freeman.....
598	aDominion.....	Windsor.....	N. D. Meisner.....	J. A. Wickens.....
599	aMount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	H. F. Sproule.....	F. Thain.....
600	aMaple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	J. J. Herb.....	W. J. Charles.....
601	aSt. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	John A. Baird.....	Wm. H. Hunt.....
602	aHugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	W. G. Marriott.....	A. E. Hutchinson.....
603	aCampbell.....	Campbellville.....	D. Campbell.....	E. S. Byerman.....
604	aPalace.....	Windsor.....	H. N. Heard.....	G. R. Jackson.....
605	aMelita.....	Toronto.....	W. M. Murdock.....	Fred C. Becker.....
606	aUnity.....	Toronto.....	E. R. Bowles.....	T. S. Evans.....
607	aGolden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	J. F. Hazelwood.....	F. A. Beatty.....
608	aGothic.....	Lindsay.....	A. J. McBride.....	W. R. Alley.....
609	aTavistock.....	Tavistock.....	Geo. F. Holly.....	J. V. Field.....
610	aAshlar.....	Byron.....	H. P. Snelgrove.....	H. W. Thompson.....
611	aHuron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	Alex. C. Lewis.....	Thos. Brown.....
612	aBirch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff.....	A. H. Toppin.....	B. R. Gardiner.....
613	aFort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	W. C. Eagen.....	A. H. White.....
614	aAdanac.....	Merrittton.....	S. A. Moffatt.....	Chas. Wheeler.....
615	aDominion.....	Ridgeway.....	Wm. T. Wilkins.....	Milton I. Beeshy.....
616	aPerfection.....	St. Catharines.....	E. J. S. Brown.....	G. L. Sherk.....
617	aNorth Bay.....	North Bay.....	J. H. Lowery.....	D. H. Morrison.....

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559	4th Wednesday	30	28	23	1							197
560	1st Thursday	9	8	10	4	8	1	2			1	169
561	4th Friday	16	13	17	2	2						122
562	2nd Monday	35	44	47	9	2	7					357
563	2nd Tuesday	22	22	17	8	4		2				216
564	1st Saturday	18	18	15		3	1					140
565	3rd Friday	48	47	41	19	3	1	1				382
566	1st Friday	18	20	14	3	3		3				169
567	3rd Friday	9	10	10		5	1					74
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2		1	1					44
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	5	5	5		2						59
570	1st Tuesday	31	27	28	2	12	2	4			1	196
571	3rd Wednesday	20	22	26	2	4		1				155
572	4th Thursday	31	28	27	4	11	2	5				311
573	3rd Monday	25	27	28	4	1	2	1				198
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.		5	4	2	2						67
575	4th Thursday	21	24	26	20			1				171
576	1st Monday	19	21	17	2		3					162
577	1st Wednesday	17	23	23	2	1	1	1				214
578	3rd Monday	22	23	26	2	2						143
579	2nd Saturday	13	16	13		5		2				113
580	2nd Saturday	15	16	16	4	5	1	5				171
581	3rd Wednesday	2	2	3	6							54
582	3rd Wednesday	42	41	46	6	1						237
583	2nd Monday	19	21	19	1	4						173
584	1st Monday	11	8	9	3	2	2	4				73
585	4th Friday	9	11	11	3	1						72
586	1st Friday	34	30	24	9	13		7				212
587	2nd Wednesday	20	20	20	2		2	2				185
588	1st Tuesday	11	12	14	14							99
589	2nd Friday	10	10	13	2	4		2				141
590	1st Wednesday	9	11	10	5	6	1					110
591	4th Thursday	7	8	16	1	4						153
592	3rd Monday	10	9	10	1	3						102
593	4th Wednesday	49	54	63	34	1	1					340
594	2nd Monday	14	15	20	2	1						125
595	2nd Thursday	7	7	7	2	6		1				112
596	2nd Thursday	7	3	5	1	4						35
597	4th Friday	10	10	11								89
598	1st Wednesday	21	20	23			2					90
599	1st Wednesday	15	15	20	5		1					98
600	1st Friday	19	13	15								92
601	1st Saturday	14	13	8	2	2		5			1	124
602	3rd Tuesday	23	28	30	1	1	2					129
603	1st Tuesday	7	9	6	2	1						60
604	1st Monday	11	15	20	1		1					61
605	4th Saturday	13	12	15	3							79
606	2nd Saturday	18	16	12	1	5						119
607	3rd Thursday	11	10	12	3	4						78
608	3rd Monday	5	5	6	5			1				82
609	2nd Tues.	7	11	12	1	2						49
610	4th Monday	10	11	12	1	2						110
611	3rd Monday	8	9	9	1	1	1	2				103
612	1st Friday	10	11	9	5	4						137
613	3rd Tuesday	5	4	9	1		1	1				60
614	1st Thursday	4	6	6	5	1	1					65
615	1st Thursday	2	2	3	2		1					43
616	2nd Monday	9	6	7	16		1				1	74
617	2nd Friday	7	8	7	2	6						72

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where Held	W. Master	Secretary
618	aThunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	A. H. Knutson.....	A. V. Chapman.....
619	aRunnymede.....	Toronto.....	Geo. W. Weese.....	W. McK. Hamshaw.....
620	aBay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	F. W. Moody.....	A. E. Jewitt.....
621	aFrontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	M. R. Reid.....	Eugene Smith.....
622	aLorne.....	Chapleau.....	J. F. Vandrick.....	H. Searle.....
623	aDoric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	F. W. Haynes.....	W. A. Howes.....
624	aDereham.....	Mount Elgin.....	Harry T. Bower.....	S. E. L. Woodman.....
625	aHatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Arch. A. Hugill.....	E. C. Learney.....
626	aStamford.....	South End.....	James Depew.....	L. T. Couch.....
627	aPelee.....	Pelee Island.....	Rev. Chas. L. Mills.....	Wm. Stewart.....
628	aGlenose.....	Elmira.....	Jas. B. Jarrell.....	A. C. Noxon.....
629	aGrenville.....	Toronto.....	R. B. Dargavel.....	W. Hyndman.....
630	aPrince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	R. R. Hopkins.....	A. B. Rice.....
UD.	Manitou.....	Emo.....	R. B. Langstaff.....	F. A. Matheson.....
UD.	Long Branch.....	Long Branch.....	J. H. Doughty.....	Thos. H. Scott.....

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618	1st Thursday.....	16	16	18	5		1					69
619	4th Wednesday.....	16	18	12	10			2				119
620	3rd Friday.....	15	14	14	6	6	1	2				203
621	Tuesday bef. F.M.....	11	13	10								29
622	2nd Wednesday.....	9	11	9	9	1						71
623	1st Thursday.....	22	19	58	1	3	1					107
624	1st Tuesday.....	24	17	16	34							58
625	3rd Friday.....	3			42							45
626	1st Wednesday.....	9			26							35
627	Tuesday on or bef. F.M.											
628	2nd Tuesday.....											
629	4th Saturday.....											
630	4th Friday.....											
UD.	3rd Thursday.....											
UD.	3rd Tuesday.....											
		5491	5540	5605	1212	1209	968	1493			302	105339



## P. O. ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities and in other places where the Secretary's address is not the same as that of the lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3	Anct. St. John's	Kingston	A. W. Cathcart, 454 Johnson St.
5	Sussex	Brockville	Thos. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6	Barton	Hamilton	W. H. F. Whateley, 16 Market Sq
11	Moir	Belleville	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	A. N. Lindsay, 3 Queen St.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. Lawrence, 202 Westminster A.
20	St. John's	London	Rich. Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Chas. T. Hoare, 307 Sunnyside Ave.
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	E. A. Dickinson, 280 Soudan Ave., Toronto
25	Ionic	Toronto	A. W. Langmuir, Dominion Bk. Bld.
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	H. W. Linton, 68 Barnesdale Ave. S.
40	St. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42	St. George's	London	Thos. Dickson, 243 Victoria St.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Ave.
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	F. W. Judd, 387 Talbot St.
45	Brant	Brantford	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
47	Great Western	Windsor	John Fry, 522 Dougall Ave.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	H. W. Jackson, 25 Sparks St.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. N.
57	Harmony	Binbrook	Jas. D. Rose, Blackheath
58	Doric	Ottawa	J. A. Ross, 480 Cooper St.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	C. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64	Kilwinning	London	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Geo. H. Mitchell, W.W. Dept., City Hall
72	Alma	Galt	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74	St. James	S. Augusta	F. L. Bissell, Algonquin
75	St. John's	Toronto	O. S. Randall, 17 George St.
76	Oxford	Woodstock	J. W. Dutton, 687 Adelaide St.
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	C. L. Davidson, 58 Kent St. E.
86	Wilson	Toronto	W. L. Lawer, 125 Erskine Ave.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	John M. Campbell, 1166 Second A.W
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	H. A. Graham, 382 Albert St.
100	Valley	Dundas	F. A. Latshaw, 30 Melville St.
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	H. J. Johnston, 132 King St.
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	H. F. Garner, 209 Barker St.
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	R. A. McDonald, Glanworth
121	Doric	Brantford	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123	Belleville	Belleville	John McCarthy, 59 Everett St.
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	H. A. Saunders, 112 William St. E.
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	S. W. Rust, 203 Douglas St.
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Delbert Sexsmith, R.R. No. 1 Wilton
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	H. W. Lothrop, 331 James St.
149	Erie	Port Dover	John C. King, R.R. No. 3, Simcoe
151	Grand River	Kitchener	P. Fisher, 11 Elgin St.
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	F. H. Dobbin, 622 George St.
156	York	Toronto	W. E. Hoffman, 415 1/2 Wellesley St.
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	J. C. Patterson, Iona Sta.
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. J. McGill, 189 Centre St.
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	John Bristow, Bright
180	Speed	Guelph	Bard Whetstone, 90 Yorkshire St.
185	Enniskillen	York	E. S. Bradt, R.R. No. 5, Cayuga
195	Tuscan	London	B. H. Higgins, 496 Dundas St.
203	Irvine	Elora	R. D. Cardno, Salem
209a	St. John's	London	Edwin Smith, 207 Dundas St.
218	Stevenson	Toronto	H. C. H. Corneil, 328 Seaton St.
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Robt. Shaw, 319 Frank St.
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	Thos. G. Idle, Thornbury
247	Ashlar	Toronto	W. H. Lyon, 85 Isabella St.
253	Minden	Kingston	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	J. C. Lymburner, 69 McRae St.
257	Galt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.

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258.	Guelph	Guelph	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich St.
264.	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Henry Gates, 35 Third Ave.
267.	Parthenon	Chatham	J. G. Martin, 24 Lansdowne Ave.
270.	Cedar	Oshawa	M. L. Argall, 105 Prince St.
272.	Seymour	Ancaster	W. G. D. Simpson, 109 Kent St., Hamilton
287.	Shuniah	Port Arthur	A. P. Freed, 329 Van Norman St.
296.	Temple	St. Catharines	C. A. Brown, 150½ St. Paul St.
299.	Victoria	Centreville	A. M. Bell, Moscow
302.	St. David's	St. Thomas	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
309.	Morning Star	Carlow	R. D. Munro, Auburn
316.	Doric	Toronto	Harry P. Reid, 316 Delaware Ave.
318.	Wilmot	Baden	W. A. Ruthig, New Hamburg
324.	Temple	Hamilton	E. L. Isard, 25 Glendale Cres.
326.	Zeland	Toronto	F. G. Logan, 111 Kendal Ave.
327.	Hammond	Wardsville	R. E. Winters, Newbury
328.	Ionic	Napier	W. T. Buchanan, R.R. No. 2, Kerwood
330.	Corinthian	London	H. J. Childs, 293 Dundas St.
332.	Stratford	Stratford	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
339.	Orient	Toronto	H. D. Ashley, 510 Ontario St.
343.	Georgina	Toronto	Geo. Thompson, 419 Brunswick Ave.
345.	Nilestown	Nilestown	R. J. Carswell, 552 Hamilton Rd. London
346.	Occident	Toronto	Wm. M. Williams, 44 Blantyre Ave.
361.	Waverley	Guelph	W. Simpson, 30 Douglas St.
364.	Dufferin	Melbourne	Geo. J. Stevenson, R.R. No. 4, Appin
367.	St. George	Toronto	A. B. Hutchcroft, 1451A Dundas SW
369.	Mimico	Lambton Mills	W. A. Beecroft, 64 Ellis Ave., Swansea
371.	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	A. E. Revell, 28 Euclid Ave.
378.	King Solomon's	London	Wm. Nicholls, 175 Wharnccliffe Rd. S.
379.	Middlesex	Bryanston	Edward Coleman, R.R. No. 4, Ilderton
380.	Union	London	Jos. Ward, 97 Tecumseh Ave.
382.	Doric	Hamilton	C. V. Emory, M.D., 91 Barnesdale B
384.	Alpha	Toronto	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410.	Zeta	Toronto	W. E. Robson, 179 Concord Ave.
412.	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	E. M. Shaw, 124 Brock St.
415.	Port William	Fort William	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate A.
419.	Liberty	Sarnia	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
426.	Stanley	Toronto	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430.	Acacia	Toronto	R. G. Allan, 2497 Danforth Ave.
434.	Algonquin	Emsdale	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Sta.
37.	Tuscan	Sarnia	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438.	Harmony	Toronto	Thos. Robertson, 190 Bingham Ave.
453.	Royal	Fort William	F. C. Perry, 410 S. Vickers St.
469.	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Wm. Rudenstein, 374 Queen St. E.
473.	The Beaches	Toronto	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood Ave.
474.	Victoria	Toronto	W. J. Wadsworth, 227 Glendonwyne Road
75.	Dundurn	Hamilton	J. M. Dunlop, Box 41
481.	Corinthian	Toronto	W. H. Hunter, 16 Havelock St.
494.	Riverdale	Toronto	W. R. Ward, 111 Langley Ave.
495.	Electric	Hamilton	W. F. Montague, Drawer 349.
496.	University	Toronto	A. E. MacLean, 524 Markham St.
499.	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	A. Rome, 123 Prospect Ave.
500.	Rose	Windsor	M. P. McMaster, 516 Ouellette Ave.
501.	Connaught	Mimico	Geo. S. Brown, 135 Westminster Ave. Toronto
508.	Ozias	Brantford	F. W. Benedict, City Hall.
509.	Twin City	Kitchener	Geo. DeKleinhaus, 195 Queen St. S.
510.	Parkdale	Toronto	Geo. E. Buchanan, 15 Macdonell A.
511.	Connaught	Fort William	D. McMillan, 409 N. Brodie St.
513.	Corinthian	Hamilton	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris St.
514.	St. Alban's	Toronto	Geo. T. Gardiner, 3 Glen Gordon Rd
515.	Reba	Brantford	S. W. Seago, 182 Brant Ave.
517.	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	A. V. Logan, Stittsville
520.	Coronati	Toronto	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521.	Ontario	Windsor	A. R. Graham, 22 Moy Ave.
522.	Mount Sinai	Toronto	C. E. Gerrard, 171 Yonge St.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
523.	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	G. W. Haley, 631 George St.
525.	Temple	Toronto	John F. Judge, 536 W. Marion St.
526.	Ionic	Westboro	P. E. Watters, 84 Fairmont Ave.
529.	Myra	Komoka	Chas. B. Smith, 82 Duchess Ave., London
531.	High Park	Toronto	R. B. Magill, 538 W. Marion St.
532.	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Baker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533.	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 84 Gothic Ave.
535.	Phoenix	Fonthill	F. H. Clark, R.R. No. 2, Welland
539.	Waterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill, 56 Park Ave.
541.	Tuscan	Toronto	S. J. Jackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542.	Metropolitan	Toronto	A. L. Tinker, 371 Eglinton Ave. E.
543.	Imperial	Toronto	A. Corscadden, 51 Highcroft Rd.
544.	Lincoln	Abingdon	T. F. McKinnell, R.R. No. 1, Caistor Centre
545.	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave.
546.	Talbot	St. Thomas	W. A. McPherson, 38 Metcalf St.
547.	Victory	Toronto	E. M. Patterson, 1263 Yonge St.
548.	General Mercer	Toronto	C. H. Dearden, 141 Edna Ave.
549.	Ionic	Hamilton	S. A. Wait, 105 Maple Ave.
550.	Buchanan	Hamilton	Walter Peberdy, 74 East 24th St.
551.	Tuscan	Hamilton	T. W. Appleton, 296 Main St. E.
552.	Queen City	Toronto	Geo. Carey, 13 Thyra Ave.
553.	Oakwood	Toronto	Wm. Hyndman, 107 Westmount Ave.
554.	Border Cities	Windsor	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555.	Wardrobe	Hamilton	A. E. Wilcox, 164 Hess St. S.
558.	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559.	Palestine	Toronto	Harry Melvin, 1403 Ossington Ave.
560.	St. Andrew's	Ottawa	E. L. Taylor, 316 Clemow Ave.
562.	Hamilton	Hamilton	D. R. Gibson, 87 Sanford Ave. S.
563.	Victory	Chatham	W. Scurr, 41 Grand Ave. E.
564.	Ashlar	Ottawa	Wm. Shorritt, 58 Creighton St.
565.	Kilwinning	Toronto	Thos. Forsyth, 325 Windermere A. S.
566.	King Hiram	Toronto	J. G. Bruce, Box 114, Station D.
567.	St. Aidan's	Toronto	D. B. McCunn, 87 Balsam Ave.
570.	Dufferin	Toronto	I. H. Burns, 30 Grenadier Rd.
571.	Antiquity	Toronto	R. A. McDonald, 46 Walker Ave.
572.	Mizpah	Toronto	Wm. Creasy, 548 College St.
573.	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	H. M. Little, 38 St. Clair Ave.
575.	Fidelity	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
576.	Mimosa	Toronto	N. L. Grant, 125 Dawes Rd.
577.	St. Clair	Toronto	P. Bach, 183 Grace St.
578.	Queen's	Kingston	E. W. Skinner, 28 Garrett St.
579.	Harmony	Windsor	E. S. Totten, 207 Victoria Rd., Walkerville
580.	Acacia	London	W. G. Harding, 320 Hyman St.
581.	Harcourt	Toronto	F. D. Tolchard, 1020 Ossington Ave.
582.	Sunnyside	Toronto	K. N. Carrie, 58 Roncesvalles Ave.
583.	Transportation	Toronto	Jas. G. Dunn, 340 St. Clarens Ave.
584.	Kaministiquia	Fort William	S. C. Read, 307 S. Norah St.
585.	Royal Edward	Kingston	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
586.	War Veterans	Toronto	W. H. Smith, 240 Wychwood Ave.
587.	Patricia	Toronto	E. J. Reddick, 29 Abbott Ave.
589.	Grey	Toronto	J. W. Tucker, 33 Regal Rd.
590.	Defenders	Ottawa	Robt. Shipley, 517 Gilmour St.
581.	North Gate	Toronto	A. W. Urmey, 48 Millwood Rd.
593.	St. Andrew's	Hamilton	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale A. S.
594.	Hillcrest	Hamilton	J. S. Smethurst, 36 Poplar Ave.
595.	Rideau	Ottawa	A. C. Wiltshire, 49 Third Ave.
597.	Temple	London	C. McN. Freeman, 645 Richmond St.
598.	Dominion	Windsor	J. A. Wickens, 538 Dougall Ave.
599.	Mount Dennis	Toronto	F. Thain, 2 Craydon Ave., Mt. Dennis
600.	Maple Leaf	Toronto	W. J. Charles, 45 Park Side Drive
601.	St. Paul's	Sarnia	Wm. H. Hunt, 145 1/2 Front St.
602.	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	A. E. Hutchinson, 52 1/2 Tom St.
603.	Campbell	Campbellville	E. S. Byerman, Moffat
605.	Palace	Windsor	G. R. Jackson, 966 Esme Ave.
605.	Melita	Toronto	F. C. Becker, 102 Rosemark Drive

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606...Unity.....	Toronto.....	T. S. Evans, 1184 Bloor St. W.
607...Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	F. A. Beatty, 56 Stibbaid Ave.
610...Ashlar.....	Byron.....	H. W. Thompson, R.R. No. 7, London
611...Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Brown, 169 Carleton St.
612...Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff.....	B. R. Gardiner, 25 Kingsbury Cres.
616...Perfection.....	St. Catharines.....	G. L. Sherk, 27 Queen St.
618...Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	A. V. Chapman, 215 Whalen Bld.
619...Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale A.
620...Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	A. E. Jewitt, 466 Gladstone Ave.
625...Hatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	E. G. Leaney, 4 McGregor Ave.
629...Grenville.....	Toronto.....	W. Hyndman, 107 Westmount Ave.
630...Prince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	A. B. Rice, 354 Clendenan Ave.

# LIST OF LODGES---BY DISTRICTS

## ALGOMA DISTRICT—(15 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, Fort William

No. 287—Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....	Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....	Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....	Dryden
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....	Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W. Fort William	
No. 445—Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout	
No. 446—Granite.....	Port Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia Fort William	
No. 453—Royal.....	Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay Port Arthur	
		U.D.—Manitou.....	Emo.

## BRANT DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Parsons, Jarvis

No. 35—St. Johns.....	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....	St. George
No. 45—Brant.....	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....	Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....	Pais	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....	Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....	Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....	Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....	Onondaga

## BRUCE DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. P. Macfarlane, Harriston

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth.....	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....	Tara	No. 436—Burns.....	Hepworth

## CHATHAM DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. J. Mumford, Glencoe

No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 327—Hammond.....	Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....	Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....	Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....	Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....	Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....	Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....	Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....	Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....	Merlin
No. 312—Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....	Chatham

## EASTERN DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Walter T. Kingston, Cardinal

No. 21a—St. Johns.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall.....	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....	Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....	Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....	Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....	Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....	Martintown

## FRONTENAC DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John B. Pinkerton, Elgin

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns.....	Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....	Kingston
No. 9—Union.....	Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....	Centreville
No. 92—Cataragui.....	Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....	Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....	Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....	Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....	Bath	No. 460—Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew's.....	Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....	Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....	Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....	Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....	Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....	Odessa	No. 621—Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake



**GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John D. Cunningham, Alliston**

No. 90—Manito.....Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian.....Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis.....Creemore
No. 230—Kerr.....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria.....Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener. Pt. McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....Alliston	

**GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Owen Sound**

No. 88—St. George's.....Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....Erin	No. 421—Scott.....Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....Markdale

**HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Gill, Hamilton**

No. 6—Barton.....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....Dundas	No. 475—Dundurn.....Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....Campbellville

**HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(15 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Smith A. Wait, Hamilton**

No. 7—Union.....Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrope.....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....Hamilton	

**LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. D. Love, London**

No. 20—St. Johns'.....London	No. 358—Delaware Valley ..Delaware
No. 42—St. George's.....London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....London	No. 379—Middlesex.....Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....London
No. 190—Belmont.....Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....London	No. 394—King Solomon.....Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's.....London	No. 399—Moffat.....Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....London
No. 330—Corinthian.....London	No. 597—Temple.....London
No. 344—Merrill.....Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....Nilestown	

**MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Hy. J. Bird, Jr., Bracebridge**

No. 352—Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....Elmsdale
No. 376—Unity.....Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....Cravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....Burk's Falls

**NIAGARA DISTRICT—(25 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. O. Johnston, Port Dalhousie**

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin.....Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf St. Catharines	No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 105—St. Marks.....Niagara Falls	No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville	No. 502—Coronation.....Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 169—Macnab.....Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold	No. 613—Port Erie.....Fort Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....Merritt
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines
	No. 626—Stamford.....South End

**NIPISSING DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. W. Rawlins, Copper Cliff.**

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone Sault Ste. Marie	No. 487—Penewobikong Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dymont.....Thessalon	No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa. Sturgeon Falls	No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current	No. 622—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie	No. 625—Hatherly Sault Ste. Marie

**NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. P. Mewhinney, Paisley**

No. 93—Northern Light Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....Londesboro

**ONTARIO DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. E. Clarke, Oshawa**

No. 17—St. John's.....Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....Orono
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry

**OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Reeves, Eganville**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond	No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnehcure.....Eganville	

**PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. P. Lancaster, Havelock**

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule.....Campbellford	No. 313—Cleменти.....Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 155—Peterborough.....Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough

**PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jesse W. Barlow, Belleville**

No. 11—Moir.....	Belleville	No. 127—Frank.....	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward.....	Picton	No. 164—Star in the East.....	Wellington
No. 29—United.....	Brighton	No. 215—Lake.....	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent.....	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora.....	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc.....	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed.....	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon.....	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka.....	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling.....	Stirling	No. 401—Craig.....	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville.....	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft.....	Bancroft

**SARNIA DISTRICT—(21 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Roy P. Kent, Courtright**

No. 56—Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona.....	Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns.....	Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston.....	Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver.....	Strathroy	No. 328—Ionic.....	Napier
No. 116—Cassia.....	Thedford	No. 392—Huron.....	Camlachie
No. 153—Burns.....	Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold.....	Brigden
No. 158—Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty.....	Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia.....	Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair.....	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock.....	Watford	No. 437—Tuscan.....	Sarnia
No. 260—Washington.....	Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood.....	Inwood
No. 263—Forest.....	Forest	No. 601—St. Paul.....	Sarnia
No. 294—Moore.....	Courtright		

**SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. D. Orme, Lucan**

No. 33—Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 233—Doric.....	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James.....	St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star.....	Carlow
No. 84—Clinton.....	Clinton	No. 332—Stratford.....	Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	No. 456—Elma.....	Monkton
No. 141—Tudor.....	Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton.....	Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh.....	Stratford	No. 483—Granton.....	Granton
No. 154—Irving.....	Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia.....	Seaforth	No. 574—Craig.....	Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich.....	Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock.....	Tavistock

**ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Chris. M. Forbes, Perth**

No. 5—Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 242—Macoy.....	Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons.....	Perth	No. 368—Salem.....	Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony.....	Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville.....	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'ntain N. Augusta	Augusta
No. 74—St. James.....	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn.....	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun.....	Athens	No. 489—Osiris.....	Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central.....	Prescott	No. 504—Otter.....	Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen.....	Lanark	No. 556—Nation.....	Spencerville

**ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Herbert E. Freeman, Aylmer**

No. 44—St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. Davids.....	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Marks.....	Port Stanley	No. 364—Dufferin.....	Melbourne
No. 120—Warren.....	Fingal	No. 386—McColl.....	West Lorne
No. 140—Malahide.....	Aylmer	No. 411—Rodney.....	Rodney
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 546—Talbot.....	St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron.....	Dutton		

**TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jos. Penman, New Liskeard**

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury.....	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane.....	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver.....	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart.....	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake	No. 623—Doric.....	Kirkland Lake

**TORONTO DISTRICT A—(26 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Peter M. Grant, Toronto**

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 565—Kilwinning.....	Toronto
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Toronto
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 630—Prince of Wales.....	Toronto
No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto	U.D.—Long Branch.....	Mimico

**TORONTO DISTRICT B—(26 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jos. S. A. Whealy, Toronto**

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward.....	Sunderland
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 494—Riverdale.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 520—Coronati.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto

**TORONTO DISTRICT C—(24 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Ernest W. Barber, Toronto**

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto	No. 629—Glenville.....	Toronto

**TORONTO DISTRICT D—(22 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. D. Shore, Woodbridge**

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto

**VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)****D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Hall, Lindsay**

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Omeme	No. 463—North Entrance.....	Haliburton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V.....	Coboconk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay



## WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Ernest Y. Barraclough, Glen Williams

No. 72—Alma.....Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....Hespler
No. 151—Grand River.....Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo.....Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....Preston
No. 180—Speed.....Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....Elora	No. 321—Walker.....Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, NewHamburg	No. 347—Mercer.....Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo.....Waterloo
	No. 628—Glenrose.....Elmira

## WILSON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. S. McDonald, Tillsonburg

No. 10—Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 178—Plattsville.....Plattsville
No. 37—King Hiram.....Ingersoll	No. 181—Oriental.....Port Burwell
No. 43—King Solomon's. Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....Ingersoll	No. 237—Vienna.....Vienna
No. 76—Oxford.....Woodstock	No. 250—Thistle.....Embro
No. 78—King Hiram.....Tillsonburg	No. 259—Springfield.....Springfield
No. 104—St. John's.....Norwich	No. 261—Oak Branch.....Innerkip
No. 108—Blenheim.....Princeton	No. 359—Vittoria.....Vittoria
No. 149—Erie.....Port Dover	No. 569—Doric.....Lakeside
No. 174—Walsingham.....Port Rowan	

## WINDSOR DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Edward T. Howe, Windsor

No. 34—Thistle.....Amherstburg	No. 448—Xenophon.....Wheatley
No. 41—St. George.....Kingsville	No. 488—King Edward.....Harrow
No. 47—Great Western.....Windsor	No. 500—Rose.....Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....Leamington	No. 521—Ontario.....Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....Comber	No. 554—Border Cities.....Windsor
No. 402—Central.....Essex	No. 579—Harmony.....Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....Windsor	No. 598—Dominion.....Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....Tilbury	No. 604—Palace.....Windsor
	No. 627—Pelee.....Scudder

## RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	15 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	15 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	25 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	16 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	12 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	10 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	11 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	10 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	24 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	22 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	19 Lodges
Wilson District.....	19 Lodges
Windsor District.....	17 Lodges



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## DEATHS, 1924

2—F. Bissell, June 3; P. McArthur, Oct. 28. 3—W. Nicol, Feb. 24; N. A. Monk, May 8. 5—J. M. Weat, Jan. 8; E. Copeland, Jan. 18; A. C. Stevenson, Mar. 5; F. Morrison, Mar. 31; T. Hare, July 13; M. Atkinson, Sept. 13. 6—R. W. Pentecost, Dec. 29; 1923; J. Jamieson, Jan. 14; A. Moore, Feb. 20; W. R. Whatley, Apr. 12; W. Sterne, Sep. 30, 1920; P. H. Punshan, May 28; F. Kidner, July 19; J. Ross, Aug. 26; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; A. T. Freed, Sep. 27; D. R. Ewing, Oct. 22; J. T. Peppet, Nov. 23. 7—A. E. Durfey, Feb. 6; H. E. Russ, May, 10; R. C. Treherne, June 7; C. W. Harrison, May 19. 9—R. J. Wales, Jan. 1; A. F. Burley, Jan. 10; H. Armstrong, Feb. 11; J. T. Grange, Apr. 20; L. H. Smith, July 9; A. S. Kimmerley, July 14; F. F. Miller, Oct. 18. 11—A. J. Boyes, Feb. 27; H. Graham, Mar. 1; S. C. Thomson, Mar. 26; E. R. Naylor, Mar. 27; J. Boyd, Apr. 9; G. Hall, July 4; J. D. Collip, Sep. 17; D. Price, Nov. 24; H. Couger, Sep. 29; R. White, Apr. 22; B. A. McCrodon, May 26. 14—J. A. Laurie, Apr. 14. 15—J. D. Christie, Mar. 3; W. Nettleship, July; C. P. Mills, Nov. 30; S. G. Gourlay, Nov. 26; 16—J. McKenzie, Feb. 5; A. Coyell, Apr. 26; A. J. Phillips, Nov. 30; C. H. Bishop, Dec. 1; W. L. Davis, Dec. 17—R. Morrow, July 10; G. Harris, Sep. 24; J. G. Nichols, Nov. 28; R. J. Winch, Dec. 1. 18—L. E. Garrison, Jan. 10; A. Bull, Mar. 1; H. W. Branscombe, Aug. 5; R. A. Williamson, Dec. 10; T. E. Owens, Dec. 13; J. R. Sayers, Dec. 17. 20—W. F. Guest, Feb. 23; H. Newell, Apr. 19; T. W. Edwards, May 12; A. McFadden, Aug. 16; W. Kirkpatrick, Dec. 9; J. Tuscombe, Dec. 19; 21A—W. S. Hall, Sep. 12; D. McPhee, Dec. 1. 22—G. H. Waller, Jan. 19; D. Fraser, Feb. 9; T. Rowan, June 18. 23—W. Graham, Jan. 16. 24—W. J. Boyd, Nov. 24. 25—W. H. Pepler, Apr. 30; A. R. Porter, June 5; A. D. Langmuir, July 3; W. H. B. Aikias, Oct. 24; J. Lindsay, Dec. 1. 26—C. H. LaHimore, Apr. 1; W. C. Robinson, May 16; S. Lockington, Jan. 30; T. Walke, Oct. 8; H. C. Brundrett, Nov. 14. 27—R. A. Hutchinson, Jan. 6; T. Headley, Feb. 3; J. J. Green, Feb. 4; C. Dallyn, Mar. 26; C. J. H. Munro, July 6; W. C. Morton, July 11; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; J. S. McMahon, Nov. 3. 28—W. McKenny, Apr. 4. 29—P. Covell, June 8. 30—S. A. Baker, Apr. 16. 31—R. H. Bunt, Jan. 23; A. L. Milmine, Sep. 27. 32—J. R. Robb, Feb. 29; C. L. Bonham, May 20; G. E. McLaughlin, June 5. 33—F. J. Pridham, Apr. 8; O. C. Whitely, Feb. 3; H. S. Wallace, July 16; W. J. McNiven, Aug. 22; J. B. McKay, Oct. 2. 34—W. F. Curtis, Mar. 19; M. Bariett, Apr. 23; W. S. Falls, Oct. 13; H. G. Duff, Dec. 19. 35—P. J. Vollick, Feb. 28. 37—B. Patterson, May 30; H. B. Elford, Dec. 15. 38—W. T. Wilkins, Jan. 28. 40—D. Newlands, Jan. 29; I. Furns, Mar. 6; A. I. Audette, Apr. 4; I. McCoy, May 22; J. M. Jackson, June 2; P. McLean, June 4; F. W. Kirk, June 21; C. J. Green, June 23; R. McClenahan, July 5; F. J. Leckenby, July 18; J. W. Hayes, July 22; A. T. Freed, Sep. 27; W. Fawcett, Oct. 10; L. T. Constable, Nov. 25; W. W. Goodall, Nov. 28. 41—W. Wright, Dec. 5. 42—G. Johnston, Apr. 19; F. A. Pace, Oct. 17; H. Jaeger, Nov. 21; A. Ellis, Nov. 27. 43—W. Izzard, Mar. 12; R. M. Revell, May 6; G. Thurlow, Nov. 19; F. C. Mathews, Aug. 21. 44—T. Hall, Feb. 11; G. A. Macpherson, Mar. 12; G. V. McMullin, July 2. 45—J. Agnew, Feb. 25; J. B. Gamble, Mar. 12; E. D. Henwood, Apr. 16; W. G. Darwen, June 12; H. Gaffney, Sep. 16; S. A. Marshall, Dec. 9; J. Murphy, Dec. 11. 46—G. Musson, May 23; G. A. N. Whalen, May 7; J. S. Black, Sep. 9; D. D. Walker, Sep. 23. 47—C. R. Francis, Jan. 1; S. Luttet, Jan. 4; J. F. Wira, Mar. 7; H. Siebert, Mar. 9; A. G. H. Lane, Apr. 17; H. W. Finnie, Apr. 30; J. H. Dennis, May 14; J. Pennington, May 23; D. Lanspeary, May 29; R. Dobson, July 1; G. S. Murray, Sep. 3; L. J. Fulmer, Aug. 2; A. McInnis, Oct. 27; J. H. Northey, Nov. 8. 48—W. H. Wilkinson, Aug. 19. 52—F. S. Blodgett, Jan. 7; A. W. Fleck, May 6; H. I. Thomas, Mar. 3; T. Chapman, Aug. 13; J. A. Musgrove, Dec. 24; G. H. Sparks, Dec. 27. 55—W. Percival, Feb. 23; J. Mills, Apr. 23. 56—J. H. Lambert, May 2; J. I. Woodwork, Nov. 7; J. E. Campbell, Nov. 22; W. B. Clark, Dec. 11; 58—A. E. Maxwell, Apr. 14; W. H. Bishop, July 6; H. S. Kirby, July 12; W. M. Woods, Sep. 12. 61—D. Muir Jan. 16; P. Taylor, Mar. 16; W. J. Anderson, Mar. 29; E. Underhill, May 11; T. W. Nettleton, May 11; T. French, May 18; M. A. Ironsides, July 3; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; W. D. McHaffie, Sep. 16; A. T. Freed, Sep. 23; N. J. McMullen, Apr. 10; J. J. McQuarrie, Nov. 16. 62—W. Symington, Feb. 24; F. Simpson, Mar. 20. 63—J. B. Pewtress, Jan. 10; H. R. Ferguson, June 16; H. Switzer, May 19. 64—W. A. Wilson, Feb. 15; B. C. Budd, Oct. 3. 65—W. B. Evans, Jan. 11; G. B. Nicol, Feb. 26; W. J. Graham, July 23; T. J. Breen, Aug. 5; F. T. Hutchison, Nov. 18;



J. D. Nesbit, Nov. 28. 68—W. D. McIntosh, Jan. 13; W. Edwards, Apr. 30. 69—J. T. Fox, Apr. 27; S. Shaw, May 6. 72—C. Turnbull, Dec. 26. 75—D. McRae, Jan. 16; D. B. Kerr, Feb. 2; J. R. Chisholm, Mar. 12; T. H. Hamilton, Mar. 25; G. C. Mortimore, Apr. 23; L. D. Gillett, June 12. 76—H. Sykes, Jan. 28. 77—A. Millar, Jan. 13; C. W. Way, Jan. 16; J. W. Anderson, Mar. 15; W. Scott, Apr. 24; R. H. Bell, Apr. 25; A. G. Simpson, Nov. 16. 79—E. P. Snow, Jan. 22; J. Neilly, Aug. 19. 81—R. Cade, June 2; W. M. Herring, Aug. 28. 82—J. Sewell, Dec. 25. 83—J. Heard, Apr. 13; H. E. Jay, June 10; D. Graham, Dec. 7. 84—T. Churchill, May 8. 85—H. E. Bywater, Mar. 22; G. M. Leverette, July 30. 86—W. Stinson, Jan. 1; T. A. Duff, May 24; J. J. Gee, May 28; J. Reggin, June 2; 87—R. Canning, Feb. 2; J. G. Robinson, Jan. 4; E. F. Glendinning, Sep. 3; L. H. Armstrong, Aug. 19. 88—R. J. Brebner, Oct. 18. 90—A. H. Johnson, June 20; J. A. McDei mid, Oct. 2; C. A. Macdonald, Sep. 27; W. J. McQuade, Nov. 6. 92—F. Crozier, Jan. 31; W. C. Leighton, Oct. 9. 93—J. C. Cooke, Oct. 11; J. A. MacKenzie, Oct. 8. 94—J. Ferguson, Sep. 1. 96—G. Monkman, Oct. 15. 97—W. A. McKenzie, Apr. 13. 100—W. Hardy, Jan. 28; W. Olmstead, June 22; W. Clack, June 23. 101—A. Elliott, May 13; W. P. Adamson, May 31; T. N. Geer, July 24; T. N. D. Kelly, Sep. 25. 103—A. Miller, Jan. 7. W. J. Parks, Feb. 12; T. H. Taylor, Dec. 3; W. W. Burleigh, Aug. 3; H. J. Gander, Sep. 5; A. T. Freed, Sep. 27. 104—A. J. Stevens, Aug. 9. 105—J. Farrall, May 17. 106—W. R. Smillie, Oct. 107—G. A. Routledge, Jan. 3; G. Riddle, Mar. 3; E. H. Hunt, Oct. 30. 108—E. Holstead, Apr. 6. 109—A. VanAlstine, Jan. 12; G. H. Bertram, Apr. 24; F. Summerley, June 9. 110—T. Pratt, Apr. 3. 113—C. E. Rock, Dec. 1. 114—J. A. Cheer, Sep.; B. F. Peters, July; V. D. Spiers, Aug. 115—G. M. Bowman, Dec. 20. 116—J. A. Fraquhar, June 19. 120—N. S. Burton, Jan. 28; D. A. Campbell, Sep. 24. 121—J. A. Phipps, Mar. 6; J. H. R. Adams, June 20. 122—G. B. Ferguson, Feb. 4; P. Gray, May 14; J. Ward, Aug. 29. 123—D. McLean, June 1; T. S. Clarke, June 8; J. G. Moffatt, Aug. 18; J. A. MacPherson, Oct. 16; G. W. Weese, Nov. 13. 125—R. Hirst, Jan. 18. 126—H. H. Burleigh, Jan. 15; F. Peake, Jan. 16; J. Macoun, May 11; I. T. Frederick, June 28. 127—J. Hendrick, Jan. 14; W. A. Mitchell, June 8; C. Anderson, June 21; W. McKee, Nov. 7. 128—J. W. Bryson, Feb. 2; J. Clarke, June 12; D. Dover, Mar. 29; J. McGonigal, Oct. 5; W. T. C. Bethel, Dec. 13. 133—A. E. Kuhn, Mar. 17; J. Hawkshaw, Apr. 10; J. Glenn, Apr. 15; W. Sweet, Nov. 27. 135—T. J. Chisholm, Mar. 15; W. J. Forrest, May 5; J. Hustler, July 15; J. W. Crozier, Oct. 7; E. Downs, Nov. 20; R. Ellis, Nov. 23. 139—P. H. Punshon, May 28; B. J. Rogers, June 30; J. F. Robinson, Nov. 26. 140—J. H. Dalton, Oct. 31. 142—C. P. McMartip, Feb. 13; J. W. Allison, June 24; T. Gordon, July 29. 143—G. Barkley, May 24; H. Merkley, June 23. 144—W. Nichols, May 15; W. McKellar, Apr. 30; F. S. Smith, July 22. 145—R. J. Doak, Jan. 29; H. H. Keegan, Sep. 22. 147—A. J. McAdam, Mar. 1; S. Davis, Apr. 1. 148—W. A. Bowden, Feb. 3; A. W. Davis, Dec. 19. 151—J. C. Falls, Apr. 10. 153—P. Parker, June 5; E. B. Pronger, Dec. 17. 154—J. Sadlier, July 22. 155—W. A. Davidson, Feb. 15; F. R. J. Mitchell, June 15; E. E. Havey, May 20; J. F. Linton, Oct. 17; S. Taylo, July. 156—T. G. Hyams, Dec. 28, 1923; J. Pears, Mar. 15; H. R. Garbutt, Mar. 2; S. M. Liezert, Apr. 24; T. W. Lynn, July 19; I. Dollery, Oct. 1. 158—W. A. Anderson, Apr. 19; J. Hare, July 7. 164—W. E. McPaul, July 2; J. S. Shurie, Oct. 29; J. B. Ruttan, Dec. 20. 165—T. Evans, May 1; L. A. Wilson, Aug. 30. 166—A. Swick, Nov. 30; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; J. E. Orr, Dec. 30, 1923. 168—H. W. Hobson, Feb. 15; G. O. Reece, Feb. 17; C. Stewart, Mar. 2; J. Phelps, Apr. 3; O. A. McKinney, Apr. 22; J. H. Howell, Nov. 15. 169—L. Kinnear, Mar. 26; W. H. Fleming, Nov. 9. 170—W. D. Bright, Oct. 11; H. R. Scott, Oct. 1. 171—J. Murray, June 24. 172—A. Falconer, Mar. 10. 174—F. Brock, July 9; J. A. Dease, Sep. 27. 178—C. Dalglish, Mar. 8. 180—B. Whetstone, Jr., Mar. 6; G. Matthews, May 4. 181—J. Brady, Sep. 29; A. J. Misener, Nov. 19. 184—S. Robertson, Dec. 30. 185—J. Peart, Oct. 5. 190—R. G. Rose, July 21. 192—J. R. Eaton, May 24; W. Swinton, May 20; W. Fisher, May 22; T. Phillips, Mar. 7; H. A. Croxall, Feb. 14; R. H. Vick, Nov. 4. 193—J. T. Edwards, Apr. 30. 194—R. E. Slack, Apr. 3; J. Boges, Apr. 3; S. H. Smith, Apr. 15; A. E. German, June 8; T. Kelly, June 13; J. Sinclair, Nov. 10. 195—J. A. Cairncross, Jan. 25; O. F. McClarry, Apr. 10; W. R. Brown, Oct. 4; H. S. Wilcox, Oct. 14. 196—R. Balfour, Jan. 14; J. A. Simpson, Jan. 24; F. Monteforte, Mar. 21; W. Davies, Mar. 27. 197—G. E. Arcott, Sep. 5. 200—J. S. Ireland, Dec. 9. 201—D. M. Abernethy, Mar. 15; G. Belfie, May 1; G. W. Fayles, May 20; J. Brown, Aug. 29; W. P. Balfie, Oct. 10; G. S. Cowan, Dec. 20; D. W. McKellar, Dec. 25. 203—D. B. Miller, June 11; D. W. Snider, Sep. 21. 209A—S. S. Armitage, Apr. 25; T. Duff, June 3; G. Loney, June 29; J. A. Smith, Dec. 26. 209—J. N. Dobbie, Jan. 29; J. Roberts, Mar. 2. 215—D. T. Stafford, Feb. 9; E. Anderson, Sep. 3. 216—J. S. Hunter, Mar. 28; J. Kilpatrick, July 10; N. Morris, Aug. 16. 217—G. W. Robins, July 18. 218—W. M. Wordley, Feb. 26; A. Purse, Mar. 16; A. E. Martin, May 12; H. J. Perks, July 18; S. Thompson, Nov. 13. 219—W. Thompson, Apr. 9; W. H. Leslie, Mar. 22; F. Betts, Sep. 21; A. T. Freed, Sep. 2; J. Applebe, Nov. 2. 220—W. W. Johnston, Jan. 19; W. Barton, Jan. 31. 221—T. Reid, Feb. 13; W. J. Upper, Sep. 15; J. F. Vanderburg, Aug. 29. 222—J. L. Auger, Feb. 28;

E. M. Caverley, June 5. 223—J. L. Kidd, May 21. 224—J. Williams, Apr. 26. 225—B. B. Sarois, Feb. 14; J. Vandrick, Mar. 20. 228—N. D. Ames, June 10; A. A. Caton, June 21; R. L. Gilbert, Dec. 23. 229—C. M. French, Feb. 10; W. C. Young, Feb. 26. J. J. Donaghy, Mar. 12. 231—R. Watson, Apr. 4. J. Latimer, July 6. G. H. Bowie, Sep. 12; F. W. Burrill, Oct. 14; S. S. Merrick, Nov. 10. 232—R. M. Mann, Apr. 10; R. McCallum, June 4; A. D. McCallum, Oct. 22; S. Meter, July 9. 233—J. H. Hobbs, Jan. 18. 235—C. Briggs, Dec. 31. 236—W. J. Speers, Feb. 10. 237—L. S. Stratton, May 14. 238—T. Harris, Jan. 8. D. Auld, Sep. 29. 239—C. R. Flint, June 7; S. S. Elliott, Dec. 10. 242—Z. Purvis, Feb. 8; F. H. Sproule, Jan. 7; R. W. Tennant, May 4; E. S. Quincy, Dec. 2. 243—E. M. Chalcroft, Sep. 5; G. W. Howell, Aug. 17; D. Burt, Oct. 16. 247—A. H. S. Marks, Mar. 30; F. R. Sweeney, Apr. 26; A. H. A. Bond, Apr. 29; A. T. Freed, Sep. 28; A. A. Ogilvie, Oct. 13; W. A. Werrett, Nov. 5. 249—H. Boden, Apr. 6. 250—R. McIntosh, Mar. 14. 253—J. Redden, Feb. 23. 254—I. M. Widdifield, Mar. 25; G. E. McLaughlin, June 5; F. W. E. Wilson, Sep. 24; G. H. Brown, Oct. 31. J. W. Collins, Dec. 12. 255—N. Munn, Feb. 2; J. Watson, Sep. 18; T. B. Townsend, July 27. 256—H. V. Morgan, Mar. 15; D. Cook, May 20. 257—D. Murray, Apr. 1. 258—J. M. Duff, Apr. 26. 260—J. McCort, May 7; W. H. Park, May 27; T. Stothers, Mar. 1; W. Lawson, Aug. 25. 261—F. Mitchell, Jan. 23. 262—T. Thompson, June 21. 263—C. W. Stuart, June 23; J. Jones, Oct. 27. 264—D. Matheson, May 11; S. E. Bell, Jan. 17; G. B. Burney, Mar. 6; F. Simmonds, June 16; W. W. Robins, Sep. 21; J. Hay, Nov. 25. 267—W. H. Sparling, Jan. 21; A. M. Smith, May 7; J. E. Livingstone, July 25; S. A. McCornack, Sep. 12; J. L. Campbell, Sep. 21; C. Dunlop, Nov. 22. 268—S. H. Cluhton, Sep. 12. 269—R. J. Price, July 5. 270—C. F. Serviss, May 15; T. Henderson, May 22; A. P. Sykes, June 25; W. H. Hall, July 1; W. A. Luke, Dec. 14. 271—J. Rogers, Jan. 26; J. F. Leitch, June 13. 272—B. Ward, Dec. 16. 274—A. B. Willson, Jan. 1; E. S. Flint, Nov. 20. 283—H. W. Lindstrom, May 20; C. H. McMullen, June 6; T. P. Aman, Dec. 7; W. A. Symons, Dec. 9; G. Jacobs, June 25. 284—J. Watson, July 28. 285—W. Trimble, Mar. 19. 286—B. Wilson, Apr. 5. 287—W. T. Norris, Mar. 12; A. J. Melling, Apr. 26; R. E. Mitchell, Oct. 2; W. H. S. Gordon, Oct. 14; T. A. C. Elliott, Oct. 24; J. Goode, Dec. 23. 289—C. H. Ferguson, June 5; A. Gray, Nov. 9. 290—J. Summerfield, Oct. 21; C. W. Campbell, Nov. 9. 291—J. A. Thornton, Jan. 25. 295—I. Burrows, Mar. 20. 296—R. F. Foote, Jan. 27; A. Ramsay, Feb. 19; W. Vosburg, Sep.; J. E. Crossen, Nov. 297—D. B. Millar, June 13; A. H. Lee, Oct. 302—A. E. Ponsford, Feb. 28; F. W. Wright, Mar. 20; P. D. McCarthy, July 3. 303—W. J. Dempsey, Jan. 18; A. Spuhl, Oct. 19; J. M. Smith, Nov. 10. 304—E. T. McConkey, Mar. 14. 305—T. Stone, Jan. 25. 306—W. A. Vollett, Apr. 18; J. G. Hutton, Feb. 1; A. Robertson, Mar. 21; G. Meikle, Nov. 4. 309—C. Wright, Mar.; E. Olver, June 15. 311—J. J. Bayliss, May 20. 313—H. C. Garbutt, Jan. 23; T. L. Payne. 314—H. Clements, Feb. 12; 316—A. W. Annandale, May 2; S. R. Blake, May 16; M. D. Tugenhaf, May 27; J. H. Knifton, Sep. 5. 318—J. Schumm, Dec. 26. 319—W. L. Tyrrell, Apr. 17. 320—M. Brown, Sep. 28. 323—R. Code, Aug. 23. 324—J. B. Richardson, May 3; W. Hendrie, May 26; E. S. Palmer, June 7; V. W. Walker, July 22; C. S. Ramsay, July 28; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; E. R. Gray, Oct. 9; E. Browne, Nov. 23. 325—J. Hunter, Nov. 14. 326—W. Dobie, Jan. 1; S. A. Thomas, Feb. 10; C. V. Snelgrove, Mar. 9; D. Morrison, May 23; C. W. Baxter, May 24; F. T. Buller, June 30; T. Christie, July 23; G. W. Booth, Oct. 22; T. A. Dickens, Nov. 7; J. W. Corcoran, Dec. 31. 328—C. Foster, July 14. 330—D. Sare, Aug. 31. 332—W. H. Roberts, Feb. 24; W. McKela, Apr. 30; J. A. Robertson, Nov. 4; R. McIntosh, Dec. 8. 334—S. G. Neil, July 18. 337—H. C. Park, Mar. 15; 338—J. R. Clendenning, Jan. 22; C. Putman, May 9; N. Shafley, June 11. 339—J. M. Ross, Apr. 15; J. W. Thompson, Feb. 25; T. W. Squires, June 19; C. V. Mulholland, Feb. 12; W. L. Sterling, May 1. 343—C. Edwards, Mar. 19; J. A. Courtier, Apr. 30; J. Cormack, Feb. 12; W. J. Richardson, Nov. 9; A. J. Patterson, Aug. 27; E. W. Pratt, July 26. 345—C. Shields, Jan. 13; T. C. Hewitt, May 12. 346—N. Wetherston, Jan. 6; J. Fawcett, Jan. 24; T. R. Young, Dec. 9; T. McCarthy, Oct. 8; C. E. White, Oct. 22; W. T. J. Cornish, Aug. 30. 348—J. Martin, Jan. 29; D. Todd, Mar. 14; E. Brown, Nov. 10. 352—W. Saunders, May 29; J. G. Johnstone, Aug. 3; J. H. Knifton, Sep. 5; J. S. Rogerson, July 2. 356—H. N. Rutledge, Aug. 26. 359—A. E. Hooper, Dec. 2; R. S. Stalker, Aug. 31. E. M. Kitchen, July 25. 360—J. Whitten, May 4; C. H. Henderson, Nov. 21. 361—H. A. Croxall, Feb. 14; H. L. Lansing, May 15; G. R. Harland, Dec. 29. 362—A. Treford, Nov. 21. 364—J. White, Feb. 29. 367—W. T. Bedford, Jan. 11; C. J. Smith, Jan. 22; T. L. Balfour, Jan. 29; C. H. Burrill, Feb. 15; M. E. Gould, Apr. 4; W. S. Fry, Aug. 3; C. E. Parker, Sep. 16. 368—J. Norris, Mar. 11; W. N. Throop, Mar. 17; G. Freemantle, Mar. 10; G. M. Bowman, June 25. 369—H. W. Goudge, May 10; B. Johnston, June 15; H. H. Dewart, July 7; C. V. Walker, July 23. 370—A. E. Hudspath, Aug. 3. 371—J. A. Laurie, Apr. 16; P. Eligh, June 10; H. Mulligan, June 20; E. D. Townsley, June 24; W. J. Pain, Aug. 8; A. J. Brownlee, Oct. 16; E. G. Roy, Dec. 7. 372—G. W. Ramey, Nov. 15. 373 C. Stewart, Mar. 2; F. Winterbottom, Apr. 22. 374—W. A. Fox, Aug. 10. 375—W. F. Davidson, Aug. 31. 376—W. D. Collins, Jan. 5; J. W. Hart, Aug. 18; D.

Wilkinson, Oct. 30. 377—A. V. Galbraith, Mar. 2; B. Tansley, Apr. 5; J. Mowatt, Aug. 3. 378—B. Robert, May 16; A. T. Alford, Oct. 11. 380—H. S. Albertson, Feb. 20; J. Hockin, Apr. 7; H. Newell, Apr. 21; T. A. Wolff, May 18; H. Stratfold, June 18; M. M. Ferguson, Sep. 1; D. C. Davidson, Nov. 4. 382—T. Broadbent, Dec. 30; 1923; T. Pearson, Jan. 6; J. L. Short, May 10, 1923; W. J. T. Lee, Aug. 26; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; G. E. Pyle, Sep. 27; E. G. Stove, Oct. 6. 384—G. H. Waller, Jan. 19; J. W. Tate, Mar. 8; G. Fraser, Jan. 22; A. R. Dennison, June 30; E. S. Shaw, Dec. 14; A. M. Girvam, Nov. 27; M. E. Manuel, Nov. 1. 386—W. Bale, Apr. 9; A. Sellars, June 1. 388—D. G. McNeil, June 6. 389—C. McLean, Sep. 29. 390—H. W. Dawson, Nov. 3. 391—J. J. Cooper, June 6; T. Shippey, Sep. 26. 392—D. W. Sinclair, Feb. 3; J. G. Purvis, Nov. 30; D. F. Smith, Dec. 1. 394—W. Smith, Aug. 6; F. Patterson, Sep.; W. J. Dunster, Oct. 8; J. McMartin, Nov. 1. 396—E. D. Weber, Apr. 15. 397—F. R. Seager, July 15. 400—W. B. Wyndham, Apr. 1; G. W. Peacock, May 23; J. N. McGregor, July 19; G. W. Moulton, Sep. 26; J. J. Kenny, Oct. 16; R. Williams, Dec. 1. 401—J. Harvey, May 18; J. Kennedy, Dec. 16; T. L. Naylor, Aug. 11; J. F. Stokes, Dec. 7. 403—J. Y. Jackman, Jan. 3; J. McCormick, Jan. 6; O. C. Tillman, Feb. 10; R. J. Wilkinson, Feb. 18; W. M. Richards, Mar. 22; J. Rolfson, Sep. 29. 405—Dunlop, D. A., Oct. 30. 406—J. H. Brandon, Dec. 11. 408—T. H. Bodley, Mar. 4; W. Williamson, May 28. 409—H. P. Kohn, May 29; P. A. Beatty, Aug. 22. 410—M. R. Clissold, Jan. 13; E. A. Chald, Mar. 31. 412—W. H. Mole, Mar. 8; J. T. Dalley, Nov. 18. 413—W. Reynolds, May 10; J. W. Davidson, July 8. 414—W. Scot land, June 5. 415—A. Hodge, Dec. 28, 1923. 417—W. J. McAdam, Aug. 29. 418—H. Joppie, Mar. 29. 419—J. Burgess, Feb. 16. 420—A. C. Pearce, Dec. 27, 1923; W. B. Stevens, Mar. 31. 422—A. M. Elliott, Jan. 17. 424—G. White, Dec. 18. 425—A. Dawson, Jan. 16. 426—F. Swales, Dec. 31, 1923; T. A. Ashdown, July 25; F. Bain, Sep. 20; W. Spink, Sep. 20; E. Knight, Sep. 23; W. J. Keyes, Oct. 4. 428—O. Byer, Aug. 22; C. C. Kellett, Nov. 30. 429—A. G. Esplen, Nov. 18. 430—J. Collins, June 5; E. A. Benn, July 31. 431—J. E. Gregg, Oct. 24. 434—R. McConkey, Apr. 24; G. J. Stringer, Apr. 17. 435—M. White, July 14; A. Wight, Oct. 1. 437—A. Corrick, Apr. 24; B. D. Millard Apr. 24; J. F. Elliott, Oct. 29; C. Boody, Sept. 4; W. J. Havers, Aug. 5. 438—J. W. Cowan, June 25; J. Y. Egan, Oct. 11. 439—J. D. McLeod, June 9. 441—G. E. Ewing, July 24. 442—C. R. McGee, Feb. 5. 445—P. L. Teasdale, Apr. 2. 446—J. O. Nordby, Dec. 31, 1923; W. Floyd, May 20. 448—J. Drummond, Jan. 16. 449—T. F. Lockhart, Aug. 10. 450—E. T. Davidson, Sep. 4; W. S. Hall, Sep. 12. 451—A. Graham, Mar. 9. 453—J. E. Martin, Jan. 17; T. E. Dean, Mar. 18; J. A. Oliver, Apr. 3. 456—E. S. S. Crawford, July 26. 460—G. C. McKinley, May 25. 463—W. R. Blair, Jan. 17; A. Speer, Aug. 3. 466—F. R. Ellis, July 6; H. M. Guest, Aug. 25. 467—C. Langford, Apr. 7; J. Lowrey, May 31; J. Pierson, Nov. 17. 468—R. G. Cowan, July 26. 469—G. Rosebrook, Dec. 1; J. O. Nesbitt, July 19. 471—G. H. Brown, Oct. 31; H. J. Herber, Oct. 21. 473—J. W. Thompson, Feb. 22; W. J. Brandham, Mar. 9; J. M. Ross, Apr. 15; W. O. Carswell, Sep. 29. 474—G. T. Turner, May 16; J. H. Danbrook, Mar. 12. 475—J. Burns, Mar. 6; H. McCoy, May 22; W. Mason, July 25; A. T. Freed, Sep. 27; T. E. Epps, Sep. 17. 476—W. H. Mitchell, Mar. 23. 477—C. G. Campbell, Nov. 21. 478—T. Hutchison, Dec. 28, 1923. 479—J. F. Hamilton, May 5; G. W. Donaldson, Oct. 12. 481—P. McPhail, Feb. 14; F. G. McGregor, Nov. 22. 482—J. S. Adams, May 26. 483—J. E. Hunter, July 14. 484—A. R. Sheldon, Aug. 20. 485—D. John, Mar. 17; J. P. Elston, Jan. 31; A. Coburn, Mar. 23; D. A. Dunlop, Oct. 29. 489—F. E. Deprose, Aug. 21; T. Wilson, June 1. 491—R. D. Houser, May 14. 493—I. J. Halpenny, Apr. 15; A. T. Roberts, Aug. 16. 494—J. A. Copp, Apr. 15. 495—A. C. MacMillan, Dec. 29; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; W. A. Cornell, Dec. 5. 496—W. Shields, Mar. 7; W. J. Graham, July 23. 399—W. Hillis, Oct. 13. 500—G. E. Smeaton, Mar. 16; T. B. Mothersill, Dec. 6. 501—P. Dorins, Feb. 8. 503—English, Wm., Nov. 24. 509—W. C. W. Burns, May 16. J. W. Hessenhauer, Feb. 12; W. G. Barnhardt, Mar. 5. 511—W. Johnson, Nov. 13. 512—T. Bodley, Mar. 5. 513—G. Cruickshank, May 18; J. Lord, June 5; W. E. Brewis, Sep. 4; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16. 514—W. S. Milne, Feb. 4; T. Moore, Apr. 5; S. G. Bishop, Dec. 16. 515—E. B. Muirhead, Feb. 517—H. Beatty, Nov. 27. 518—C. W. Brush, Oct. 29. 519—G. Simpson, Nov. 29. 521—H. Siebert, Mar. 9; G. R. MacKenzie, Apr. 2; W. J. Donaghy, Nov. 24. 522—M. Scheiffer, Aug. 15. 523—H. G. Webber, Dec. 28, 1923; E. B. Wayte, May 3; L. M. Ross, July 10. 525—J. R. Fox, Feb. 14. 526—H. North, May 3; F. C. Fowler, Sep. 27. 528—C. Briscoe, Feb. 14; R. Claverley, Jan. F. A. Toker, Oct. 10. 529—A. D. Graham, Oct. 12. 531—T. R. Young, Dec. 9; G. B. Taylor Oct. 24. 532—J. Nesbitt, Aug. 28. 535—F. C. Williams, Sep. 12. 537—J. L. Davis, Apr. 16; G. S. Self, Apr. 18; W. B. Murray, May 1; J. H. Grimshaw, Nov. 29; J. Blair, Dec. 4. 539—R. E. Stewart, Feb. 20; J. L. Caughtry, May 2; C. G. Moogk, Sep. 26. 541—R. Cassels, Aug. 30. 542—F. W. C. Bond, Jan. 24; T. Lynn, July 19. 548—G. F. W. Price, Mar. 20. 549—T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; W. J. Mitchell, Nov. 551—A. G. Bannister, Mar. 13; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; A. C. MacMillan, Dec. 29. 552—W. A. MacKenzie, Apr. 13; T. C. Scott, Feb. 24; C. W. Price, Mar. 9; H. J. Taylor, Nov. 18; H. C. Bowring, Aug. 24. 554—T. M. Clay,



May 10. 555—R. R. Morley, Apr. 16; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; F. H. McCallum, Dec. 18. 556—J. F. Barnard, Feb. 19. 560—F. I. Hunt, Jan. 30. 562—G. S. Cramp, Jan. 31; C. H. Jukes, Mar. 14; J. H. Rushforth, Mar. 31; G. S. Oblender, Apr. 26; H. Atkinson, May 12; L. Geisel, July 3; T. E. Epps, Sep. 16. 564—G. B. Burney, May 7. 565—G. McWilliams, July 30. 567—L. H. Graham, Apr. 10. 570—J. B. Jackson, Jan. 20; J. S. Hunter, Mar. 28. 572—G. Birdsall, Mar. 14; T. R. Seaton, Feb. 19. 573—S. Muirhead, Sep. 27; G. H. Brown, Nov. 7. 576—W. H. Clay, Mar. 24; J. Collins, June 5; P. B. Bond, Aug. 31. 577—C. W. Hayward, Feb. 8. 580—J. Hall, May 28. 584—W. J. Hamilton, May 12; E. G. Tenniman, Sep. 22. 587—R. Dad, June 20; S. J. Butler, July 12. 590—G. A. MacPherson, Mar. 12. 593—T. E. Epps, Sep. 16. 598—A. Baxter, Apr. 17; W. T. Piggott, Sep. 1. 599—H. Jenkinson, Nov. 19. 602—T. E. Epps, Sep. 16; J. Hoodless, 1923. 604—J. A. McNab, Sep. 15. 611—J. Dunford, Oct. 12. 613—G. W. Ramey, Nov. 15. 614—J. F. Vanderburg, Aug. 27. 615—R. T. Hardison, May 21. 616—A. E. Young, Feb. 9. 618—T. A. C. Elliott, Oct. 25. 620—C. K. Graham, Nov. 3. 623—W. Doney, May 14.

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			O. Muchmann.....	Hansen.....
			E. A. Osbne.....	Guatemala.....

# Appendix to Proceedings of 1925

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## REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

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Belleville, Ont., July, 1925.

### FOREWORD

Again it is my privilege to establish contact between our Brethren of Ontario and those of the East, the West and the South, who are all members one of another in the great commonwealth of co-operative Craftsmanship, through the "living epistles" which, in the form of Proceedings and Transactions, are yearly broadcasted from the several Grand Jurisdictions of the Brotherhood of solidarity, the ganglia of Masonry. While my colleagues of the Round Table and I hold a "roving commission," yet we are not, I hope, "chartered libertines," for we have two clear objectives, the one to use the trowel and spread the mortar and cement of better understanding and unity of purpose throughout the "Craft universal"—(many Lodges—one Craft); and the other to endeavour with such clarity as we may, to communicate the impressions, made upon us by a discriminating perusal of the Proceedings, in such manner and with such selected matter, as will interest, instruct, vivify and kindle with the "thoughts that breathe and words that burn"—those who may mark and read our Annual Reviews, of facts and factors, of doers and doings. May we not hope, also, that each Lodge—the unit in an orbit—may as such devote at least one hour of some Convocation—(personally conducted under the guidance of some skilled Brother)—to the consideration of this broad-horizoned vision of the wise and gentle Craft, numbering over four millions of select but not exclusive men. Surely the virility of mature age does not deaden in us the desire to see beyond the hills of home, as in Boyhood's golden days. We all have varying but mutual aspirations, capacities and needs. We all need both outlook and insight. Let us make and take the opportunity to "enlarge our vision, extend our per-

spective, and exalt our spirit," by getting into mental touch with the Rulers of the Craft the world over, who not merely work but are worked upon—who act and react upon one another. They have served that we might share. No man is too great to serve, but the burden-bearers become the blessing-sharers. Each one of us—the liaison officers keeping open the lines of communication—may truly and humbly say—with Montaigne: "I have gathered a posie of other men's flowers and naught but the thread that binds them is mine own." But more than flowers in their beauty will be found, I hope, in this epitome of the world's Masonic movements and current thought, for surely apart from beauty, wisdom and strength can also be found in this reservoir and clearing-house of ideas and ideals—thought and sentiment—truth and knowledge ever keeping pace.

Here then and now, let us recharge our storage batteries, or if you prefer the metaphor, let us tap some of the Artesian Wells from the addresses and reports of the Grand Masters and their official families, who, as Stewards of the Mysteries, yearly surrender and pass on their trusts of this Masonic realm of "amplest heritage," carrying their sheaves with them and both bringing home and scattering the golden grain, ready to germinate in the years to come. Let us together realize that Freemasonry is a great stabilizing, conserving and shaping force. It is a vital reality if we have the will to realize it in action, consistently and with enthusiasm, throughout our lives on this part of the great Creator's universe charged with potentialities for the Household of the Faithful. Time tryeth troth!

WILLIAM N. PONTON.

1 Alabama.....	1924	7 Columbia (Dist.) ..	1924
2 Alberta.....	1924	8 Delaware.....	1924
3 Arizona.....	1923	9 England.....	1924
4 Arkansas.....	1924	10 Georgia (2).....	1923-1924
5 British Columbia..	1924	11 Idaho.....	1924
6 Colorado.....	1924	12 Illinois.....	1924



13	Indiana.....	1924	40	Nova Scotia.....	1924
14	Iowa.....	1924	41	Ohio.....	1924
15	Ireland.....	1924	42	Oklahoma.....	1924
16	Kansas.....	1925	43	Oregon.....	1924
17	Kentucky.....	1925	44	Pennsylvania.....	1924
18	Louisiana.....	1925	45	Philippines.....	1924
19	Maine.....	1924	46	P. E. Island.....	1924
20	Manitoba.....	1924	47	Quebec.....	1924
21	Maryland.....	1924	48	Queensland.....	1923
22	Massachusetts.....	1924	49	Rhode Island.....	1924
23	Mexico (York).....	1924	50	Saskatchewan.....	1924
24	Michigan.....	1924	51	Scotland.....	1924
25	Minnesota.....	1924	52	South Australia.....	1924
26	Missouri.....	1924	53	South Carolina.....	1924
27	Montana.....	1924	54	South Dakota.....	1924
28	Nebraska.....	1924	55	Tasmania.....	1924
29	Nevada.....	1924	56	Tennessee.....	1925
30	New Brunswick.....	1923	57	Texas.....	1924
31	New S. Wales.....	1922	58	Utah.....	1924
32	New Zealand.....	1924	59	Vermont.....	1924
33	New Hampshire.....	1923	60	Victoria.....	1923
34	New Jersey.....	1924	61	Virginia.....	1924
35	New Mexico.....	1924	62	Washington.....	1924
36	New York.....	1924	63	Western Australia.....	1924
37	North Carolina.....	1924	64	West Virginia.....	1924
38	North Dakota.....	1924	65	Wisconsin.....	1924
39	North China.....	1922	66	Wyoming.....	1924



## ALABAMA

Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master.

Membership, 52,369. Net gain 2,243.

The strong features of the Grand Master introduce the volume, and of him his biographer says:

He is a man of great sterling worth and business ability, distinguished for his solid common sense, fine understanding and good judgment, and loved by all that know him for his kind and tender heart, open-handed generosity and staunchness and loyalty to his friends and principles.

The annual communication was held in the City of Montgomery, December 2nd, 1924.

Six Past Grand Masters were present. Canada was represented by Bro. Ethridge J. Garrison.

Many activities characterize Alabama.

The Grand Master says among other good things:

It behooves us, therefore, to bring to this Session open minds and earnest desire to act wisely, a determination to ascertain the facts about all matters of interest and then to apply to these facts our best judgment as men and brethren.

We are all here to do that, which in our judgment, will be of the greatest benefit to the whole Craft and not to any particular Lodge, district or individual.

It is my judgment that the greatest hindrance to progress and to the development of real brotherhood is that men from timidity or from suspicion induced by false rumor, or a natural inclination not to mix with their fellows, remain strangers to each other. We want to get away from all this and let's begin now by touching elbows with all the brethren, giving each other the handclasp of friendship and brotherly regard, telling each other who we are. Frankness in dealing one with the other, and especially in statements made, will go a long ways in bringing about that mutual confidence and esteem that must be the basis of all Brotherhood. These observations are trite, but practical.

Education is given great prominence and with regard to real knowledge he says:

Let us have done with formalism and uttered formalities, and seek by every means to gain to an understanding of the needs of men. Let us break down once and for all times the petty barriers that ignorance and prejudice have erected between us and our brethren. If we do this, brethren, if we tear down these barriers, we must educate the masses.

No less than 8 cornerstones were laid by the Grand Master, a splendid record. Would that Canada could show the same fundamental service!

The Masonic Home receives careful attention. He says:

Our Masonic Home, that lies so close to the heart of every true Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction, has continued to move along in a very satisfactory manner. We have something like three hundred and fifty residents there and all seem happy and satisfied

Among his decisions we find the four following:

If objection is made after one degree is conferred, objection holds good for three months, after which time, application may again be made, and if again objected to, either by the same or another Brother, the Lodge may require the Brother to prefer charges.

Masonry does not exclude a citizen of Japan on account of his nationality.

A Fellow Craft cannot be tried with a Master Mason, though the offense be the same and no objection is interposed.

It is not a Masonic offense to worship in a Catholic Church.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star visited Grand Lodge, which was called from labour to refreshment for that purpose and the Grand Matron addressed the brethren.

A splendid analysis of Masonic Homes in other Jurisdictions is made by the Committee and should be studied by us in Ontario. They sum up as follows:

It is thus seen that the value of lands and buildings dedicated to these purposes reach the splendid sum of \$12,750,000.00, and house and protect 2,500 adults and over 3,500 orphans; that the endowments reach the sum of \$10,150,000.00; that there are 600 hospital beds served by 100 trained nurses, and that the total operating expenses are annually \$2,250,000.00

The Committee on Appeals reports one case as follows showing that Grand Lodge cannot be made an instrument for collection of debts.

Charge.—A promise to pay and a failure to pay. Verdict and punishment: Guilty and indefinite suspension.

The record and specifications as set out do not charge a Masonic offense. The evidence as disclosed by records does not sustain any charge of unmasonic conduct.

Your Committee recommends that the findings of the Lodge be reversed and that one be herein rendered restoring the Brother to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The Grand Master's ruling with regard to correspondence is approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence as follows:

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that it was a violation of the customs and usages of Masonry for anyone to address a letter to the subordinate Lodges concerning a Grand Lodge activity, and a discourtesy to the Grand Master, beg leave to report that we do not consider that any point of law was involved. They are of the opinion, that the Grand Master's opinion is correct.

W. Bro. Fred Wall is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and he does his work well. In his introduction he says:

We have deemed it the part of wisdom, owing to our inexperience in writing reviews of the Grand Jurisdictions, to merely select what we consider the interesting subjects and matters dealt with generally and to pass them along to the Brethren of our State, hoping that they may gather from this brief report the trend of Masonic thought in the various Jurisdictions of the country.

Canada appreciates his favorable and courteous review of 1923 and he comments especially upon our wonderful growth, making large extracts from the then Grand Master's address.

Under Kansas we read:

In international law, Comity of Nations is defined as follows: "What is termed the comity of nations is the formal expression and the ultimate result of that mutual respect accorded throughout the civilized world by the representatives of each sovereign power to those of every other, in considering the effects of their official acts. Its source is a sentiment of reciprocal regard founded on identity of position and similarity of institutions."

Comity among Masonic Sovereignities should therefore be the adherence to this principle in the recognition by one Grand Jurisdiction of an act done in the manner of another Grand Jurisdiction as being legal as though done in its own Grand Jurisdiction. To request a courtesy and at the same time to require a Grand Jurisdiction to violate its own laws, is not keeping within the spirit of comity.

Texas gives him inspiration for the following in connection with the Home:

No sooner than Grand Master Mike H. Thomas was elected Grand Master than he took active steps to raise funds for building a Masonic Home and School; he has succeeded admirably; the subscriptions to this fund have risen to nearly \$400,000.00 with about \$200,000.00 paid in. When the Grand Master took charge of affairs, only about \$3,000.00 as we gather from his report, had been paid

into this fund. One would naturally expect a man whose first name is "Mike" to undertake and accomplish great things. We need more "Mikes" to loosen up some of the hidebound Masons. Now, I shall illustrate with this: Grand Master Mike Thomas showed backbone and courage when he was asked what we would do with the Master of a Lodge who persisted in opening and closing his Lodge without prayer. He answered emphatically that he would remove him from office for the balance of his term.

W. Bro. Fred J. Skinner of Gananoque represents Alabama with us.

Duncan C. Carmichael, Dothan, Grand Master.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Lew Lazarus, Birmingham, Chairman.

## ALBERTA

M.W. Brother George Murray, Grand Master.

Membership, 12,017. Net increase 279.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication was held in Medicine Hat June 11th, 1924. Seven Past Grand Masters testified their loyalty by their attendance.

Canada was as usual worthily represented by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor of Calgary.

We could take many striking extracts from the Grand Master's address, the following must suffice:

It is very gratifying that, having passed over the peak of abnormal activity, our Fraternity is adjusting itself to a more healthy basis on which to work and the lodges are putting into practice more than ever before the sublime principles taught in our charges and lectures and working toward the strengthening and building up of the spirit of Freemasonry.

I sincerely hope that we may, in every lodge, accomplish the high aim of making every candidate a real Mason to go forth a living example of the principles of our Order.

The reports of District Deputy Grand Masters are full and complete.

There are fifteen Masonic Districts.



Five new charters were issued to Lodges with the following odd and striking names: Hussar Lodge, Meridian Lodge, Kitscoty Lodge, Craigmyle Lodge and Manyberries Lodge. Verily we feel the Western touch.

A catalogue is printed of the Grand Lodge Library and many additions are being made to the shelves.

Full regulations were adopted with regard to the reception of visitors both in form and without form, very helpful indeed to the Director of Ceremonies, the importance of whose office is sometimes not appreciated.

From the report on the Condition of Masonry we quote the following paragraphs:

Your committee are of the opinion that the lodges showing the higher average attendance are the lodges in which good work is reported and in which addresses are given from time to time.

In checking the reports we regret very much to note that the arrears of dues are steadily climbing, the amount now outstanding being \$34,888.13. The reaction from this condition is bound to have a serious effect on the lodge continuing to allow the amount to increase against members becoming in arrears.

Grand Master MacNeill of Saskatchewan who was received with all honours, delivered an instructive and poetic address from which we take the following extract as an exemplar of his style and matter:

By a correct habit of thought, this ancient and honorable institution has been an antidote for ultraconservatism or the reactionary or, on the other hand, against that ultra-radicalism—that conception of the body politic—which tendeth to destruction. By a correct habit of thought, by sane thinking and sensible performance, you will be the leaven in this democracy which will stabilize it; which will solidify it and strengthen the rule of the people. You will have learned the principles of true democracy as taught in Freemasonry: the democracy which teaches service as its ideal; which teaches, as Ruskin said what true democracy is, “the strength to govern and the grace to obey.”

A summary of the rulings of the Grand Masters fills two interesting pages.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the hands of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood who pays a worthy tribute in which we all desire to share to the merits of the many years of faithful and acceptable work of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor in this capacity.



Canada receives both courteous favour and full treatment at the hand of our colleague, large extracts being made from the address of the writer as Grand Master in 1923. He cites among other quotations the following:

And with a wider sweep and International Anglo-Saxon vision Alfred Noyes writes:

“ ‘Black night and threatening weather;  
Bare poles and canvas furled;  
Pull hard, and pull together  
If you would save the world.  
They break the word they plighted.  
Let ours be doubly true;  
For half the world united  
Can make the world anew.’ ”

And he again gives publicity as we do to part of the striking address of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill as follows:

We quote from the interesting address of Pro Grand Master Ampthill the following:

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, our feeling in England is simply this: I think I can put it in two sentences; the Craft is a great and growing organization and since the objects of the Craft are the greatest good of our fellow creatures, we ought to make more use of all the potential power which must reside in an organization which is spread all over the globe and is held together by a discipline which does not rest on force or fear, but on unity of thought, and of heart and we do think that anything which is of a good tendency, which has good objects and which united men in the same high ideals throughout the British Empire must be a force tending to consolidate and to bind closer the ties which unite us in the British Empire.”

He utilizes and adopts the Saskatchewan report after investigation far and wide with regard to Masonic Homes, summing all up in this paragraph:

That wherever Homes have been established general satisfaction seems to be the basis of all reports.

We are glad to extend a hearty hand shake to our Brethren of Alberta.

M.W. Horace P. Reid, Edmonton, Grand Master.

M.W. S. Y. Taylor, Calgary, Grand Secretary.

**ARIZONA**

M.W. Sidney Sapp, Grand Master.

Membership 5,444. Net gain 304.

A special communication was held at Winslow on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 1923, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple. A large concourse was present and acting Grand Master Henning delivered an address in which he embodied the very interesting article of Brother C. C. Hunt, Deputy Grand Master of Iowa, and he has conferred a favor upon the Craft by extending the circulation of this paper, which shows careful research and the vision splendid. A few sentences will suffice to stimulate our Brethren to ask for the whole address:

In the case of buildings, the custom of laying the foundation or cornerstones with impressive ceremonies and placing deposits thereunder has accumulated a wealth of material which excavations among ancient ruins has brought to light. It has been well said that customs remain, but the motives for them change. It has also been said that Truth is immortal while Error perishes. The custom of laying cornerstones has persisted through the ages, but the reasons assigned for that custom have changed.

In the belief of the ancient that every place was the abode of some spirit, good or bad, we see represented the fact that there is no place which does not have its influence on the people who come in contact with it. It may be associated in their minds with thoughts of a noble purpose, a lofty self-denial, a loving sacrifice. As they thus think of it their own souls will be ennobled and strengthened, and their own character will be developed and built up. It is, therefore, important that all public buildings should be associated in the public mind with such a purpose. The ceremony of laying a cornerstone tends to produce this result. We of today recognize the fact that the spirit of a place is the spirit of those most prominent in it. Not the literal slaying of a human victim, but the giving of one's self in loving service to a noble cause is the sacrifice which today spiritualizes the work of the builder. In laying the cornerstone of a public building we symbolize the fact that such a building should be devoted to the welfare of the public. The material edifice is but the type of a well developed public character.

The cornerstone of the Tucson High School building was laid by Grand Lodge November 12th, 1923, with due ceremony and a graphic picture illustrating the event is published with the Proceedings showing a band in Turkish costume with the fez as a head piece. This in the letter Press is said to be the Grotto Band and was escorted by the Commandery and by Chapter 1 of the

Order of De Molay. Evidently Arizona goes in for all the trimmings. We wonder by how much the energies of their lodges are sapped or intensified by these "auxiliaries".

The Forty-second Annual Communication was held in the City of Globe February 12, 1924. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present showing continued fidelity and cohesion. All honour to the boys of the Old Brigade in this as in other Jurisdictions.

M.W. Bro. Louis G. Moyers represented Canada.

From the address of the Grand Master we gather that he visited and spoke in every Lodge within the Jurisdiction. So far as our reviews have gone only two other Grand Masters have performed that feat and he comments thus:

These meetings and my visits with the brethren throughout this State have been a source of great joy and satisfaction to me, and have demonstrated the fact that Masonry in our jurisdiction is alive and awake, appreciative of its privileges, conscious of its duty, loyal to its traditions and ready and willing to meet and discharge its obligations.

He gives unqualified praise to the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's reports are models of clarity. The total resources of Grand Lodge are over \$205,000.

The Committee on Educational Service have done good work.

During the year we have mailed to the Lodges the Short Talk Bulletins, issued by the Masonic Service Association of the United States, twelve in all.

They commend as we commend to all good Masons the new publication "The Master Mason" edited by Dr. J. Fort Newton and Brother Andrew L. Randall—names to conjure with.

W. Bro. Malott delivered an oration on Masonic work from which we quote the following:

Masonry and work are synonymous. The very name of the order indicates its original nature.

The practical object of Masonry is the physical and moral amelioration and the intellectual and spiritual improvement of individuals and society. Neither can be affected except by the dissemination of truth.

The Wayfarers and Sojourners Club having to deal with the hardships and sacrifices of our soldier Brethren, received favourable notice and an appropriation.

The statistics of all the constituent Lodges are given in full with the members.

R.W. Brother Fred Symes of Fort William represents Arizona in Canada.

The Past Grand Masters' Association is a feature of many activities.

There is no detailed Correspondence Report.

Otis J. Baughn, Phoenix, Grand Master.

George J. Roskruge, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

## ARKANSAS

M.W. Brother F. W. Harris, Grand Master.

Membership 35,952. Orphan's Home Dues paid \$38,942.

With the record of many meetings of Grand Lodge called for the purpose of laying Corner-stones, a custom here we regret to comment not often enough observed, the Grand Lodge met at its Eighty-third Communication in the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in the City of Little Rock, 18th November, 1924, and was opened in ample form in the presence of a large gathering.

Canada was represented by Brother A. J. Russell at the roll call.

From the able address of the Grand Master we quote:

I have confidence that your deliberations and actions will be characterized by such intelligence, justice and moderation 'as will conduce in the highest degree to the stability, progress and prosperity of our beloved institution.

We congratulate ourselves that though the business interests of Arkansas have suffered by great depression during the past year, and the minds of the people have been agitated by the industrial and political problems, that naturally arise when our national election year arrives, but by the strict adherence to the ancient landmarks, and the established usages of our profession, we avoid the storms which wreck other societies and continue unabated our work of benevolence.

We stand therefore, on a platform broad enough and strong enough to hold all good men; but let it be remembered that those that come to us must come of their own accord and not by our solicitations.

Our prospects are not proclaimed from the rostrum, pulpit, housetops, or streets, but should be exemplified in our daily life and conduct as taught by the Holy Bible, the Great Light of Masonry. Make it then the man of your council and the meditations of your thoughts.

Among his rulings he holds:

It is a violation of the Master Mason's obligation to strike or assault by striking a Master Mason that has been suspended for the nonpayment of dues, and a brother who will so far forget his obligation, should be put on trial by his lodge, and dealt with in accordance with his obligation, just as if the offended brother were in good standing. He having been suspended for the nonpayment of dues only.

A sufficient acreage of land near the Orphans' Home was recommended to be purchased for agricultural purposes and equipped with implements and a competent practical farmer put in charge of the same. Arkansas' Home is the Craftsmen's pride.

Two acknowledgments from widows are particularly gracefully and gratefully expressed.

We wish to express to you our appreciation of the beautiful monument placed at the grave of our dear husband and father, Col. George Thornburgh. It is in every way a fitting tribute to his memory and symbolic of his life: substantial, unassuming and beautiful, and best of all, expressive of the affection of his brethren whom he loved so much.

And this:

The service was most impressive—so exquisite in its simplicity—so magnificent in expression.

We thank the Grand Lodge most sincerely for all its kindness and substantial aid, for many years given him.



The Grand Orator delivered a thoughtful address on brotherly love, from which we take a few nuggets of good ore:

Love is more than a sentiment. It is the basis of endeavor, the generator of the vital current that keeps us battling upward. Man guards closely his money and wealth, yet he is often careless of his greatest treasure, Love. Like the orchid, it is delicate, fragile and easily destroyed.

Freemasonry contains the Gospel of Love in all its parts, and the Gospel of Love is the world's antidote for intolerance and prejudice.

Freemasonry is an institution destined to endure through the long lapse of ages a venerable fabric which time cannot weaken, nor persecution shake, nor revolution change.

An institution that uses reason for its lamp, education and truth for its guide, and has humanity for man and reverence for God as its chief aim.

Freemasonry is an intellectual outlook, a standard of truth and love, a gospel of light, a light that uplifts.

Masonry is a citadel of love. Its altars are the beacon lights of freedom over which presides the Goddess of Liberty.

We wish we had space to quote at greater length.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Hegler of Ingersoll, represents Arkansas in Canada.

There is no detailed Correspondence Report.

M.W. Brother Storm O. Whaley, Sulphur Springs, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

M.W. Brother Charles E. Tisdall, Grand Master.

Membership 12,775. Increase 684.

With no less than nine emergent meetings for Dedications, Consecrations and Corner-stones, the Grand Lodge met for their Fifty-third Annual Communication in Vancouver, 19th June, 1924.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master delineates both experience and benevolence.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present, a splendid record.

The Secretary of British Columbia insists upon calling us the Grand Lodge of Ontario and as such we were represented by W. Bro. J. R. Seymour at the roll call.

M.W. Bro. Begg, P.G.M. represented the Grand Lodge of Washington.

From the Grand Master's address which is brief but full, we clip the following thoughts on education, in which he is deeply interested:

I know of no better community work that can be given than time devoted to the cause of education. I have long held the opinion that technical education is much neglected, and would urge that interest in public education by serving as school trustees or otherwise helping along such work is well worth the attention of members of the Craft in their private capacity as citizens.

Marked attention all over the jurisdiction is being given hospitals. It has been a source of great satisfaction to me to note that in an overwhelming majority of cases the Boards of Directors consist largely of members of the Craft.

Seven Lodges were constituted during his year of office.

Among his rulings we find the following:

The Master of a Lodge may not refuse to allow a member of the Lodge in good standing to sit in the Lodge because another member objects to sitting with him.

He has been an assiduous visitor, meeting some 80 Lodges during his term of office.

He describes the District Deputy Grand Masters as the eyes and ears of the Grand Master and urges more care in their selection and he concludes with a verse which will never grow old:

God send us men! God send us men!  
Patient, courageous, strong and true;  
With vision clear and mind equipped  
His will to learn, His work to do.

The Committees and District Deputies presented interesting reports.

The funeral service was revised and is printed in full with very precise directions and in simplified form.

The report of the Grand Historian R.W. Bro. William Burns must have been peculiarly interesting to the fraternity of our Western sister Province. It is adorned with illustrations which show the progress onward and upward.

R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, K.C., represents British Columbia near our Grand Chapter.

Worthy tributes are paid to the Fraternal Dead.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the experienced hands of R.W. Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith.

After a long search we found our review as Ontario under the O's and certainly the Grand Secretary and Grand Correspondent has done full justice to our annual meeting of 1923. He is most complimentary to the writer, the then Grand Master, and also to R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown. He makes copious extracts from our address which he introduces as follows:

There is much, very much, in the Grand Master's Address which we would like to present to our readers, but to do so with any degree of fairness would mean practically the reproduction of the entire document. We feel, however, that our space cannot be put to better use than to copy three or four paragraphs, for which we bespeak the most serious attention.

We reciprocate our colleague's good wishes and ask him to remember that we are the Mother Grand Lodge of Canada and that we retain the good old name.

M.W. Brother Stephen Jones, Victoria, Grand Master.

V.W. Brother Dr. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

## COLORADO

Jesse C. Wiley, Grand Master.

Membership 30,351. Net gain 1,050. .

The new Grand Master, William N. Vaile has now served his third term as Representative in Congress. Of him his biographer says:

In the hands of such a Grand Master, possessing native ability and pleasing personality, education, experience, and a genuine love for the Fraternity, has been placed the government of the Craft for the coming year.

A series of special communications for laying corner-stones of many public buildings precedes the volume and adds much to its interest. Canada should cultivate this old and fitting function of Grand Lodge.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Denver, September 16th, and 17th, 1924. A record number of Past Grand Masters expressed by their presence both their loyalty and longevity. No less than 23 Most Worshipfuls mustered at roll call.

We regret to have to say that Canada's Grand Representative either was not present or was too modest to respond.

The reception of Grand Representatives is not made a perfunctory matter in the Jurisdictions south of the line.

To the address to them of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Withrow who had been Grand Master in 1866, responded eloquently. From his address we take two paragraphs:

In the present age, selfishness has been one of the great controlling factors. We have apparently lost all consideration for the welfare of others. Is it not worth an effort on the part of the Fraternity to do something to conciliate, something to induce the contending parties each of them, to give way a little, to make concessions for the purpose of establishing peaceful conditions, in place of hate and destruction.

The Grand Representative feature of our Grand Lodges seem to furnish a means of communication by which the Fraternity might unostentatiously and quietly make the attempt to bring about this very desirable condition. It would make our professed aim of some practical use and effectiveness; a great majority of human beings would greatly prefer to live in peace with their neighbors. It is a great contract, but the carrying it out, if it could be done partially, would result in corresponding benefits.

Excellent portraits of Grand Master Wiley and Grand Master Vaile adorn the volume.

The Grand Master's address is a strictly business document concentrated and full. Of Courtesy Degrees he says:

I received requests from several of our sister Grand Jurisdictions to confer the Entered Apprentice through courtesy. These requests were all refused. I did not deem it proper to depart from the well established rule adopted by my predecessors, and set aside the Constitution to allow this work to be done.

With regard to independent solicitations and correspondence by members and by Lodges, the Grand Master rules firmly as follows:

On March 1st I addressed a letter to all the Lodges in which the following language was used:

"The Grand Lodge of Colorado is the supreme Masonic authority of this State. It publishes no magazines and endorses none. It resents the brazen claims of certain publications that they are Freemasonry's representatives. The Grand Lodge of Colorado speaks only through its constituted authorities, and it has no representatives at Washington or elsewhere, except those duly appointed to represent it at other Grand Lodges."

"Furthermore, The Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Colorado provides:

"A Lodge as such shall not present a petition to the civil authorities or take part in municipal, state, or national affairs."

Of non-Masonic or quasi-Masonic Organizations he says:

During the year I received communications and information that some members of Masonic Lodges had associated themselves with organizations not Masonic, and that such association was bringing dissensions into the Lodge. In one instance the Lodge voted to rent this organization the use of the Lodge Room.

Where the interests of Masonry are involved as against the interests of non-Masonic organizations, there can be no divided allegiance.

Grand Orator Newsom delivered a wonderful oration on "Masonry a Philosophy of Life," from which we cannot resist making some quotations:

The modern view of religion does not require that the devotee shall remove himself from all contact with the world in order that he may thereby commune with God. This view is well expressed in the following poem:

"The parish priest  
Of Austerlitz  
Climbed up a high church steeple,  
To be near God,  
That he might hand  
God's word down to the people.



In sermon grave,  
 He daily wrote  
 What he thought sent from heaven;  
 And dropped this on  
 The peoples' heads,  
 Two times one day in seven.

In rage God said,  
 'What meanest thou?'  
 The priest cried from the steeple,  
 'Where art thou Lord?'  
 The Lord replied,  
 'Down here among my people'."

But my brothers, Masonry does not consist in joining the order, nor yet again in passing through the chairs, nor in reading Masonic history, nor dilating on its symbolism, nor its beauties. Masonry consists in practising Masonic teachings.

To practice Masonry one must know Masonry. Everywhere in our work knowledge is stressed. Our first inquiry of the applicant is—does he possess sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Masonry.?

"A fire-mist and a planet,  
 A crystal and a cell—  
 A jelly-fish and a saurian  
 And caves where cave men dwell;  
 Then a sense of law and beauty,  
 And a face turned from the clod,—  
 Some call it evolution,  
 And others call it God."

An address by Bro. Barker was subsequently delivered by permission, from which we take one paragraph:

To bully the weak and crouch to the strong is the first sign of decadence. When the Divine in human nature disappears, then selfishness and greed take its place. A struggle for a great principle ennobles, not only man, but the entire body politic. Not only actions, but the will and thought of men make or destroy our life and control our destiny.

Grand Master Vaile delivered an address on the Landmarks and Charges in accepting office.

Bro. James R. Killian of Denver represents Canada.

Our own Bro. W. M. Logan represents Colorado.

The review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges is by Stanley C. Warner of Denver, an old Bay of Quinte boy, who has an experienced and concentrating touch.

His review of Canada is a brief summary of the business done and progress made.

He is, as all other correspondents and all other Masons are, much interested in Masonic Homes.

Next Communication at Denver, September 15th, 1925.

William N. Vaile, Denver, Grand Master.

William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Charles F. Roberts, Grand Master.

Membership 22,113. Net gain 1,053.

Many special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for laying Cornerstones of public buildings and other Craft purposes. At the corner-stone laying of the George Washington University, the old Washington gavel was used accompanied by a guard of honour. Among other eloquent sentences the following by Grand Master Roberts are specially worthy of quotation:

Within the walls which shall rise on this foundation stone serious men and women will continue the never-ending search for truth in the sciences and the arts. Here will be made scientific discoveries that may startle the world of science, that will open up new lines of activity and progress, and produce comforts and facilities for the human race that will advance it a long way toward the attainment of a higher and better civilization. Here will come the youth of our land, intent on acquiring knowledge, and eager, by the development of their mental and physical powers, to become fitted for their share in the world's work.

In like respect, although along other lines, Masonry is also a seeker for truth, a factor in the development of full mentality, a builder of character.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Washington December 17th, 1924. Fourteen Past Grand Masters supported the Grand Master and delighted the Brethren by their faithful presence. The Grand High Priest was welcomed.

The Grand Master sowed much good seed in his address. These paragraphs will surely germinate:

In the varied processes of adjustment that characterize the present conditions of both state and society, it is a well recognized

truth that duty and responsibility ever follow hard upon the heels of offered opportunity and bestowed honor. If in regard to many of the things that I have proposed I have not succeeded in getting beyond the stage of preparing the ground and sowing the seed, it was because the preparatory work was so extensive that time was lacking within which to develop and harvest the crop.

From a judicious retrospection and counselling together, we may possibly evolve from the experience of the past the wisdom that will enable us properly to guide and direct the course of our great fraternity toward greater achievements in the future.

With regard to the visit of R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins in whose reception Washington certainly did more than its duty, the Grand Master says:

The brethren will be glad to know that, in a report made upon his return to England, our distinguished visitor spoke in most commendatory terms of his visits to the several Grand Jurisdictions the reception accorded to him, and the numerous activities and great achievements of American Masons.

As to Corner-stones the Grand Master says:

It is in keeping with some of the best traditions of Masonry that it should be identified in this way with the erection of important public edifices.

As to investigating Committees their duties are clearly outlined and also the duties of the Master of the Lodge.

There is danger, however, that a too rigid application of the rule will result in deterring members of the lodge from seeking out the members of the committee to impart information regarding the petitioner. It is urged that Masters make a special effort to encourage their members to request the names of the committee, or one member of it, whenever they have information regarding the petitioner that they think would be of value to them in making up their report. It is the duty of every Mason to do this and no obstacles should be placed in the way of its accomplishment.

Grand Secretary Johnston was obliged to retire on a account of continued ill health and after much deliberation the right man for this important post, which is really a life work in itself, was obtained in the person of Past Grand Master Keiper of whom the Grand Master says:

By bringing to bear upon him all my own powers of persuasion and those of influential brethren as well, he was induced to accept the appointment, resigning his other position and severing his connection with the U.S. Government to do so.

The smooth and efficient functioning of the office has been the subject of much favorable comment by the brethren, and the fraternity is to be congratulated upon having secured the services of Brother Keiper in these capacities.

From the conclusion we take the following:

But with all that has been done, it is evident that only a beginning has been made and that our fraternity is still like a sleeping giant, capable of great things, but through indolence, indifference, or lack of competent guidance accomplishing but a small part of what it should be doing.

Times change and men change with them. Grand Masters come and go, with varying ideas of the relative values of matters in which our fraternity is concerned. Under such conditions energetic co-operation in the larger things will always produce the desired results and, if we couple with fraternal unity of action a respect for and a broad tolerance of the views of others, we shall reap the reward that follows upon conscientious effort.

The Employment Bureau Manager reports good work well done. No less than 304 positions were obtained through this agency.

The applicants this year have registered under a more varied line of occupations than ever before. This has entailed an immense amount of work on the Bureau in trying to develop openings for these worthy brethren. Many ex-service men have sought our assistance in finding positions. Some of them were physically unable to follow their trades, and desired light work. Many elderly men, no longer able to do heavy work, and many others who were willing to accept any kind of work out of which they could make a fair living, have applied to this Bureau.

Of the Masonic Service Association the representatives report the final conclusion of M.W. Bro. Louis Block of Iowa, an outstanding figure of all that is good in Masonry.

"I firmly believe from the bottom of my heart that no movement that has been inaugurated in modern times means so much, not only to America, but in the end working through America's influence, to the civilized world, as the success of the aims and purposes and the accomplishment of the ideals of our Masonic Service Association."

A St. John's Day Communication was held December 27th, 1924. 14 Past Grand Masters again gracing the Grand East—a veteran "Old Brigade."

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.



Much interesting business was transacted and a notable election was that of M.W. Bro. Roe Fulkerson as Grand Master. As Grand Correspondent he is known to the whole Masonic world and as a journalist he has reached and touched with his delightful humour thousands of readers.

Of Grand Master Roberts the following eulogy is recorded:

Even a prejudiced commentator on the life of Brother Charles F. Roberts, Grand Master in 1924, would admit that his life has been one of intense and well-directed activity, and those of us having intimate knowledge are qualified to assert that the same characteristics have marked his administration as Grand Master. With him a duty observed is ever a cause for action, action that must commence immediately and continue until the task is successfully accomplished. Due doubtless to his legal and business training, direct methods appeal strongly to him and obstacles that intrude themselves in the course along which his feet are set add only to his zest for life as they are surmounted or brushed aside.

Imbued with a high ideal of what Masonry should represent, both to its members and to the outside world, one of the outstanding purposes of his work as Grand Master was to maintain its dignity and add to its prestige.

The Twenty-fourth Correspondence Report is presented by M.W. Brother George W. Baird, whose methods are original, whose discriminating choice for selection and comment is always satisfying, even though he may not agree with every sentiment recorded in the various Proceedings.

Canada has certainly no cause to complain as the following paragraphs will indicate the generous treatment we receive. Incidentally our colleague evidently is quite ready to wield a lance for the *good* qualities of the Ku Klux Klan. He thus describes our meeting.

There was a reception to the veteran Masons, which must have given the old fellows pleasure, as all old men appreciate notice. The grand representatives were accorded "the customary honors". An interesting feature is a letter from Ireland, which the Grand Master read, and which contains this resolution:

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland directed that their grateful thanks be conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Canada for their most liberal contribution of \$1,000 to the restoration fund on behalf of destroyed Masonic halls throughout Ireland. The Grand Lodge is deeply conscious of the fraternal spirit shown to them by the Grand Lodge of Canada."



It tells the whole story. Information of the destruction of a few lodges reached us, but the resolution says "throughout Ireland."

Grand Master Drope reported attendance on Brant Lodge, when eight brothers were initiated, Humble by name, which was made a great occasion.

Of Masonic offences he says: "It is found that there is too much leniency extended to Masons who are guilty of criminal offences. This shows either a spirit of indifference, or a readiness to conceal or forgive crime which should not be tolerated. The constitution is clear on the question of crime.

"Masons are not perfect men. Among our hundred thousand there are sure to be some 'black sheep'; but in order to preserve our Order pure and unsullied, it should be purged of all offenders against the laws of God or man."

The report on grievances is legally, technically and morally *au fait*, but it gives names and enough of the offenses of bad Masons to enable our enemy to use it against us. Why not edit out enough of it to defeat the enemy, before sending it to press?

The report on correspondence is by members of the committee of which Past Grand Master Ponton is chairman. It is one of the best reports which has come to our desk this year. The District of Columbia is given more than six printed pages, and, what is better, approvingly.

Our committee reports are given, and the report of this committee complimented, particularly, by copious quotation. The Ku Klux is reported, and they seem to understand it as well if not better than many of our own Fraternity. The howl against the Ku Klux is but the tail end of the howling gale against Voltaire, against Martin Luther, John Huss, Herder, Goethe, and the others who oppose the Hierarchy of Rome. It is as the cry of mad dog! But the masking of the Klan is its suicide. Any criminal may divert suspicion by masking before he does his trick.

### Under Nebraska again a word for the Klan:

And yet the membership of the Klan will show a larger percentage of descendants from Revolutionary ancestry than even the Masonic Fraternity. It will show a larger per cent. of Protestants than any fraternal, political or temperance society.

Among the Proceedings reviewed is a new one, that of Yucatan, which opens up an interesting field of research. This reviewer has seen some of the treasures of Yucatan's past. They closely resemble relics from the Caves of Bombay.

New York reports 521 beneficiaries in the Home and 1280 Brethren "placed" by the Employment Bureau. This is good practical philanthropy.

France furnishes novel and interesting subjects of comment:

The Grand Lodge sends us a Bulletin, which contains minutes of the Federal Council, some minutes of the Grand Lodge and some politics, not a report such as we issue.

The Grand Master said that in the correspondence report from California it is stated that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina has said that the Grand Lodge of France would admit women *dans son sein*. (Breast, heart, bosom. *Au sein*, in the midst.) The Federal Council charged the Grand Secretary to contradict this information.

But it seems to this writer unwise for the Grand Lodge to have adopted the resolutions of Brother Cauwell, which protested against acts of the Chamber of Deputies. "Considering that the dictatorial regime of the decree-laws (*décrets-lois*) are incompatible with the spirit of liberty, which should inspire republican institutions; protest against the vote of the Chamber of Deputies, which has traduced the national sovereignty which it lowered."

With regard to certain suspicious transactions it is said:

This may be supremely philanthropic, or cunning propaganda. People recently at war are not likely to love each other, even though brethren of the mystic tie.

Then comes the conclusion of our colleague's Report, and we cannot resist taking the following:

It may not be out of place to invite attention to the reports of Grand Masters concerning the scandalous behavior of certain collateral orders, evidently with the view of shaming those organizations, but without taking any action. These orders require Masonic good standing as a prerequisite for eligibility to membership, but are not pledged to obedience of the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Master, and therefore the Grand Master can not reach the body; but he can reach and discipline the offending individuals just as the Grand Master in Michigan has done. The retention of scandalous members is a tacit acknowledgment that they are still fit for brotherhood.

A Masonic office is a Masonic trust. While lay members must bow in submission to the edicts of the Grand Master, they expect that Grand Master to protect the cloth. It is a poor rule that does not work both ways.

Many good brethren have joined in the cry against the Ku Klux much after the fashion of crying "mad dog!" It is never right to condemn a man unheard. Who among the accusers has heard the other side?

He cites the Official Report thus:

P. 120: "Shows the Klan espouses the cause of the United States first, above all other and every kind of government in the world."

P. 72. Law and order, enforced by duly constituted authority.

P. 120. Benevolence in thought, word and deed.

P. 120. Clanishness, real fraternity practically applied in all things honorable.

P. 125. Free speech.

P. 125. Free, non-sectarian, schools. Complete separation of Church and State.

The writer submits this without comment, but would inquire if it is not becoming to hear both sides before we condemn?

Roe Fulkerson, Washington, Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper, Washington, Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE

Edward W. Cooch, Grand Master.

Membership Master Masons 5,860. Net gain 141.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Delaware will be held at Wilmington, 7th October, 1925. With a record of several emergent communications for laying the Cornerstones of Public Schools and of Memorial Library, all worthy and public-spirited objects, the Grand Lodge met for their One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication in the City of Wilmington 1st October, 1924. No less than fifteen Past Grand Masters were present—a fine fidelity.

W. Bro. William H. Weeks represented Canada among the Grand Representatives.

Grand Master Ferrell and Grand Marshal Hilton of Massachusetts and Grand Master Andrew Foulds, Jr., with his official family of New Jersey, were saluted with the grand honours and escorted to the Grand East.

The Grand Master's address was a worthy one. We quote:

Many differences of opinion will no doubt be held. It is the privilege of every member of this body to express his views. In doing this, let us ascribe to every brother as high a motive as we claim for ourselves. Let us look to the Supreme Architect for guidance. Let brotherly love prevail.

With regard to the Masonic Service Association which is doing admirable work he reports to Grand Lodge as follows:

To my mind it is perfectly clear that an Association such as this, is an imperative necessity if Masonry is to maintain its standing as the leading fraternity of the World. Delaware, the first to join the Federation of States, should be the last to leave the Federation of Masonry.

He pays this special tribute to R.W. Bro. Alfred Robbins as the representative of the United Grand Lodge of England.

During a stay in America of less than three months, Brother Robbins visited ten Grand Jurisdictions and spoke at Masonic gatherings in twenty cities.

Happy as we were to be assured that the feelings of goodwill which we hold for the Brethren of England are so fully reciprocated, we were all the more happy to have this assurance conveyed to us by a brother of such eminent attainments, of such intimate acquaintance with Masonry and with such a gracious and lovable personality, as Brother Robbins.

His mission has not only cemented more closely the fraternal regard between English speaking Masons, but its influence has gone beyond the Lodge room walls to that larger body of English speaking peoples.

In Delaware as in all the other States, the Masonic Home is a centre of co-operative work and enthusiasm and they are always progressive.

The Grand Master says:

It was my privilege on several occasions to visit the Masonic Home. On each visit I found the buildings and grounds in spotless order. The new addition, begun and dedicated during the terms of my predecessors, is now completed and occupied.

We regret exceedingly to find among his decisions the following which to us sounds archaic.

When an applicant has been elected to receive the degrees of Masonry, and by subsequent information, it is learned that he has an artificial foot, the election of the applicant is void, he cannot be given the degrees, and his initiation fee must be returned.

As we have often before said, this physical perfection was not a land mark. It was simply an operative regulation. Men good enough for the Church and for Heaven, good enough to fight and be maimed and be decorated by their Country, are held by a purely technical interpretation not to be good enough for our Lodges.



With regard to the Order of De Molay he says wisely:

The interest of this Grand Lodge comes from that general supervision which it is entitled to exercise over all things relating to Masonry. There is, however, no other connection between the Order and this Grand Lodge, nor is it in any way a Junior Masonic Order.

And with regard to the Craft generally in action he gives this rallying call:

All this has lead me to believe that the institution has possibilities of which it is itself but barely conscious. Aroused and united, its force could hardly be overestimated. Who knows but that the Supreme Architect has preserved it throughout the centuries for the purpose of carrying out some great design not yet displayed upon His trestle-board.

To my mind, our serious fault is the lack of cohesion. Masonry does not claim to be an aid to business advancement, or a stepping stone to political progress. But there are many ways that we can lighten a brother's burden, guard his reputation, and aid in his laudable undertakings. Remember that each member is a part of the building material of which the Temple of Masonry is constructed. Strike at or injure a stone here or a timber there and the whole edifice itself is weakened and less able to withstand the storms, should we ever be in need of its protective shelter. Strengthen, repair and beautify the several stones and timbers, and the building, as a whole will be correspondingly improved. If Masonry is not what you want it to be, the fault may be with you.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that no action be taken to become a member of the International Masonic Association.

Grand Lodge was closed in harmony as is recorded in the following words:

Business of the Grand Communication having been accomplished the brethren were led in singing of "America" and "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

Robert A. Kolck of Kolck's Mills is given in the official list as the Grand Representative of Delaware.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by a Committee of which R.W. Brother Thomas J. Day is the able chairman.

Of and from the address of our Grand Master 1923 he says and quotes and acknowledges our courteous fraternal review of Delaware's Proceedings.



The annual address of M.W. Brother Ponton is one of the best that has been my privilege of reviewing. We select the following:

The reception of your Grand Master as your representative and ambassador, by the Masons of New York, of Massachusetts, of Pennsylvania, of Maine, of Rhode Island, of Connecticut, of New Jersey, of New Hampshire, and of those many other States from Texas to Washington whom I met as fellow guests at the Communications and Banquet Board, was most cordial and gratifying, and I have realized as never before, of what fine calibre and character, how near in kinship and in aim, how congenial in spirit, how actively friendly, how warmly fraternal, are those 2,700,000 virile Masons of the United States, our allies and neighbors, who have formed an everlasting compact with us to pitch our tents hereafter in the pleasant plains of peace.

Under Virginia our colleague chooses well and wisely by giving in full the report of the laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial to Washington as the best that he has had (and that we have had) the privilege of reading. It is graphic and romantic.

Grand Master Drope represented Canada at this National event.

Delaware leaves a fine flavour.

Charles D. Bird, Edge Moor, Grand Master.

John F. Robinson, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

## ENGLAND

M.W. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.

The Annual Grand Festival was holden at Freemason's Hall, 30th April, 1924, M.W. Rt. Honourable Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master on the throne, and Rt. Honourable Sir Frederick Halsey the venerable Deputy Grand Master supporting him, with a distinguished galaxy of nobility, Bishops and plain citizens, such noted soldiers and administrators as the following being among the number General Sir Francis Wingate, Lt. General Sir Francis Lloyd, Sir John Ferguson, Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, G.D. of C., J. S. Granville Grenfell, Rt. Honourable Lord Meston, W. Bro. William John Songhurst, many King's Counsel, and also visitors from Scotland, Victoria, South Australia and Brazil.

The arrival home of the Grand Secretary from a voyage in which he performed very memorable services of great importance to the Craft was announced. He had consecrated Lodges at Jerusalem, in Egypt and other places and what is of great significance and importance in view of subsequent tragic events, had installed Major General Sir Lee Stack as D.G.M. for Egypt and the Sudan at Cairo.

The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Earl of Elgin was cordially welcomed by the Pro Grand Master who said:

Our two jurisdictions exist, side by side, in every part of the world, where there are British communities, and thus far, we have worked in unity and harmony. But I should like to remind the Brethren, that unity and harmony are not things which grow spontaneously. Like every good plant, they need tending and cultivating, and it is thanks to the zealous efforts, and the high example of Brethren like the Grand Master Mason of Scotland and his deputies and assistants all over the world, that this good feeling prevails.

The Earl of Elgin replied happily:

Last year I had the opportunity of attending the Festival, but unfortunately, I was unable to be present at the meeting of Grand Lodge. But I felt that, this year, there was a special reason why I should make a special effort to be with you here to-day. There is a very special reason, I think, for Freemasons, at the present moment, to make every effort in their own lives, and in the lives which they can influence, to help and to steady the Country. I feel that this is an opportunity which no one in the position which I have the honor to occupy just now, of governing the Craft in Scotland, should lose, to prove that wherever we are, whether in England, in Scotland, or in other parts of the world, Freemasons must act together for the good of the community in which they live, and for the world at large—from no selfish motive, from no motive of an individual or of a particular class, but for the good of the whole. There is another reason which has induced me to be here to-day particularly, and that is that, this year, we hope in the Grand Lodge of Scotland to have an opportunity of welcoming one who has been Senior Grand Warden in your Grand Lodge, I mean His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master, closing with the invocation "whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve". The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the Right Honourable Arthur Oliver Villiers, Baron Ampthill of Ampthill as Pro Grand Master.

Lord Blythswood of Scotland, who was termed "a permanent ambassador" was appointed Senior Grand Warden, and Lord Meston as representing India, Junior Grand Warden.

A cable was received from Sir Alfred Robbins then in Iowa. Among the Grand Stewards we note a name familiar to dramatic and literary circles, Rafael Sabatini.

1,005 attended the gathering which was followed by a great banquet.

The Quarterly Communication was held at Central Hall, Westminster 4th June, 1924, M.W. the Duke of Connaught on the throne supported by many notable men, including Colonel Cornwallis and Major General Sir Neill Malcolm, D.G.M. for the Eastern Archipelago.

Among the Directors of Ceremonies we see a name familiar to us all in Canada that of our own Colonel Hamilton-Wedderburn, O.B.E.

Visitors were received and honoured from New South Wales, Victoria, Scottish Constitution, Brazil and Queensland.

Sir John Ferguson was elected one of the four London representatives on the Board of General Purposes.

The Board had received from Lord Amptill the report he has submitted upon the visit to Canada and Newfoundland which is printed in full as an important appendix to the Proceedings. The Board comments thus:

The Board feels confident that the beneficial results of such visits to Lodges overseas cannot be overestimated. Evidence is continually forthcoming of the appreciation of the Brethren; and the strengthening in this way of the bonds which unite our Districts and Lodges abroad with the Mother Grand Lodge is an object which the Board considers should be pursued wherever possible.

The holding of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley has offered an opportunity for the visit to England of many Brethren not only of our own Constitution, but members of sovereign Jurisdictions within the Empire.

The President of the Board, Sir Alfred Robbins refers to his American tour and later put in a most elaborate report, part of which it will be our privilege to reproduce.

Recognition was given to Venezuela, El Salvador and Guatemala.

£5,000 was set aside for the purpose of securing architectural plans and specifications for the great building which is the basis of the Peace Memorial now in process of formation, and regarding which a great meeting is to be held in London to complete arrangements in August of this year.

The appeal of W. Bro. Gomes was heard in full and reads like a drama. He was indefinitely suspended by the D.G.M. for British Guiana and he was excluded by the Worshipful Master of his Mother Lodge but the Master had not been supported by the requisite vote. Grand Lodge found:

For the reasons I have stated, Bro. Gomes as a matter of right was quite entitled in the circumstances to delay his retirement as a protest against the illegality of the order, and as a matter of good taste acted quite properly in leaving the Lodge as he did, after he had made his protest.

Possibly Rule 207 entitles the District Grand Master to deal with the matter without any complaint, but, if it does, I submit to you that the District Grand Master was wrong in so dealing with it in this case, and that, in the circumstances, the suspension of Bro. Gomes was a mistake.

I beg to move, therefore, that this appeal be allowed.

The Deputy Grand Registrar (V.W. Bro. Harold S. Morris, K.C.): I beg to second that the appeal be allowed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Then follows the report to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of the four great Masons and men who visited us in 1923. Lord Amptill begins his itinerary in these words:

At the end of May, a letter was received from M.W. Bro. Colonel W. N. Ponton, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, saying that that Grand Lodge would meet at Toronto on the 18th and 19th July and would very much like to have as their honoured guests, some Representatives of the Mother Grand Lodge. By a fortunate coincidence, a letter was received at the same time, from the Deputy in charge of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, asking whether it would not be possible to follow the precedents of Egypt and Gibraltar, and send out a Grand Lodge officers to instal W. Bro. the Hon. J. R. Bennett, whom your Royal Highness has just appointed.



Your Royal Highness also concurred in the view that Newfoundland was entitled to exceptional consideration, as the oldest Colony.

He reports his reception in Quebec, in Nova Scotia, in Montreal and in Newfoundland and then the remainder of the report appeals so intimately to ourselves in Ontario and to the thousands of Brethren who had the privilege of meeting and feeling the touch of British brotherhood through our distinguished guests that we feel we will be doing right in reproducing all that the Pro Grand Master wrote and said.

We left Montreal the same night, and arrived at Toronto at 8.30 a.m. on the following day, and were received as the guests of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

We attended the Grand Lodge proceedings, which lasted all day with an interval for luncheon, and concluded with an entertainment at the Massey Hall in the evening, at which the members present were accompanied by the ladies of their families, the total number present exceeding 4,000. Nothing could have exceeded the cordiality of the reception accorded to your Deputation, and the speeches made on the occasion left no doubt as to the desire of the Brethren in Canada to co-operate with the Mother Grand Lodge of the World.

On Wednesday, the 18th July, we had an opportunity of making better acquaintance with the Brethren of Toronto at a meeting of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, and were able to give a final utterance to the messages with which we were charged. These messages were received with reciprocal expressions of fraternal goodwill, which it will be a great pleasure to us to repeat on all Masonic occasions for some time to come.

We trust that it is not presumptuous on our part to refer in the first instance to the many expressions of devotion to your Royal Highness, which were spontaneously made to us wherever we went.

As Freemasons, we learned with deep gratification that there is a strong desire among Overseas Brethren whether they be members of other sovereign jurisdictions, or whether they be under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, to keep in touch with the Mother Grand Lodge of the World, and to do anything that may be required, to bring their own practice into conformity with those practices of English Freemasonry, which have the sanction of immemorial custom and ancient tradition. Three unattached Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England which we visited, namely, the Royal Standard Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Lodges of St. Paul and St. George at Montreal, are exceedingly proud of their distinctive position, and well content on that account to put up with the inconvenience of isolation and remoteness from the Headquarters of the Craft in London. They appreciate the privileged independence which they enjoy within the territorial jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada, and are sincerely desirous of reciprocating the goodwill which is displayed



towards them. It might well be possible to give such attention to these Lodges, as would enhance their reputation in the eyes of the Brethren among whom they dwell, and thus make them valuable links between the Mother Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges in the Dominion.

The desire to maintain close relations with the Mother Grand Lodge is undoubtedly a strong and active factor in Canadian Masonry. Constant and personal intercourse is, of course, essential. We suggest that advantage should be taken of the visits to Canada and to other Dominions, of any Grand Lodge Officers who may have to make the journey on their own account, and in pursuance of their own personal business. It would be easy to charge such Brethren with definite messages or enquiries, and there can be no doubt that their visits with such credentials would be eagerly welcomed. On our part, it would be possible, and it is certainly desirable, that there should be some systematic means of ascertaining when eminent Brethren are in London, and arranging for their entertainment. This is not so much a matter of special "banquets" as of that quiet hospitality of private Lodges, which leads to close personal acquaintance, and to hospitality in the private homes of the hosts. It is that kind of hospitality which is most appreciated, and also the most valuable. We are fortunate in having the Canada Lodge, as a link between the Dominion and ourselves, and the Canada Lodge have only to be asked, for them to place their knowledge and information at the disposal of other private Lodges. In this connection we cannot say too much about the hospitality which was accorded to us wherever we went, in Newfoundland and Canada. We were received not so much as "distinguished visitors," but as "old friends," and our hosts thought no trouble too great, if it was the means of adding to our comfort and enjoyment. It would indeed be impossible for hospitality to go further than it did, when Brethren laid aside their public and private business for a whole week, in order, to entertain us, and travelled long and uncomfortable journeys, of several days duration, in order to meet us or to accompany us. This report however, is not the place in which to particularise the innumerable kindnesses and courtesies, which we enjoyed at the hands of our Brethren, in Newfoundland and Canada.

Our Mission, we venture to believe, has been attended by certain tangible results, as to which we have thought it best to submit special reports, and we have also thought it more becoming to separate the expression of our personal opinions and impressions from this formal record of our movements, and of the proceedings in which we took part. We hope, however, that it is not inappropriate to quote, in conclusion, the last sentence in a valedictory letter, which we have received from M.W. Bro. Colonel W. N. Ponton, who presided over the Grand Lodge of Canada during our visit. It is as follows:—

"You have strengthened the Imperial ties and you have established such a close and personal relationship with us in the bonds of brotherhood, that Masonry has taken on a new, a brighter, a broader and deeper significance, and we realize more than ever through you

that we belong to the radiant race. You have given us an ideal, 'noblesse oblige'."

Amphill, Pro. G.M.

J. Ferguson, G. Treas.

Henry Hamilton-Wedderburn, P.Dep. G.D.C.

A. E. Carlyle, P.A.G.D.C.

20th August, 1923.

1263 members of Grand Lodge were in attendance.

A Quarterly Communication was held 3rd September, 1924, Lord Amphill on the throne.

W. Bro. E. E. Adams, Chairman of Lloyds, was elected Grand Treasurer.

The Board of General Purposes report the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey at the Central Hall, Westminster on July 22nd, a ceremony which this reviewer was privileged to attend officially as the Immediate Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge. He takes this opportunity of acknowledging the many courtesies received by him from His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Lord Amphill, Sir Alfred Robbins, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and others. Receptions were given at Freemason's Hall to the Overseas Brethren and silver souvenirs bearing the Arms of the Grand Lodge were presented. Of one of these this reviewer was the proud recipient.

With regard to chain prayers the Board and Grand Lodge spoke with no uncertain voice on the prevalence of the nuisance, and the determined attempt to eradicate it is best expressed in the following words of the President to the Pro Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

But, though the matter has its humorous and contemptible aspect, it also has a serious one. A letter was received at Freemasons' Hall last week from a Brother who wrote in some distress to ask if we really thought there was "anything in it," because his wife, who had read this letter, was in a grave state of health, and dreaded the consequences unless he fulfilled the injunction. We assured him that we deprecated it; and, as we believe it in fact to be a blasphemous mockery (applause), we express the earnest hope that no Mason will give it another thought. It may be said that this is a small

matter for the Grand Lodge of England to notice. M.W. Pro Grand Master, we have found that it is not a small thing, for the letter is being circulated even by Secretaries of Lodges, and is being brought to the notice of our Brethren in such a way as to cause a great deal of trouble, confusion, and distress of mind. The Board, therefore, hopes that the practice, so far as it is worked among Masons as Masons, will cease. Otherwise, we may have to invite Grand Lodge to take more serious notice of it than we have done previously, and declare its circulation to be a Masonic offence. (Applause).

The District Grand Master of Burma received the medals to which Burma Lodge and Rangoon University Lodge had become entitled and the Pro Grand Master said addressing them:

Here we have Lodges in a distant out-post of the Empire, composed to a great extent of men of a different colour, a different race, and a different religion, who are not Brethren who have any chance of coming to London—and, I may add, Brethren who are not over well endowed with this world's goods, for they are to a great extent small officials—and yet they have made this tremendous effort to become Hall Stone Lodges. An example like this from one of our furthest Districts is one which should be held up to the whole Craft.

The report in full of Sir Alfred Robbins' trip through the United States is most interesting and we wish that space permitted us to reproduce at least one-half. We must content ourselves with the following:

While in Washington, I had the especial privilege—through the introduction by Bro. Frank B. Kellogg, the American Ambassador to this country—of interviews with the President of the United States (Mr. Coolidge) and the Secretary of State (Mr. Charles E. Hughes), as well as with the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (Ex-President W. H. Taft). The last of these distinguished Americans is a Mason, and, in that capacity, attended a banquet given in my honour at the House of the Temple, at which were present a number of United States Senators, members of the House of Representatives, and leading American admirals, generals, scientists, and literary men, all members of the Masonic Fraternity. In my interviews with the President and the Secretary of State, and in response to their questions, I stated the nature and object of my Mission, which was to promote—and, in a large degree, through Freemasonry—by full, free, and frequent intercourse the already friendly relations between the English-speaking peoples in general, and those of this country and the United States in particular; and that statement in each case was approvingly received.

Since my return home, I have had both time and opportunity to consider generally what I had learned from this visit to the United States; and the chief lesson I drew from all my experiences—and this is a counsel to be given to Brethren on both sides of the Atlantic—was to avoid hasty judgments formed on first impressions. In regard to such differences as are plainly visible between the sys-

tem of Grand Lodge and Lodge government in the United States and our own Jurisdiction—differences, it is ever to be understood, in degree but not in doctrine—national characteristics, and local circumstances always and most steadily have to be borne in mind. A marked divergence in national psychology accounts for the one difference which to the Englishman is most apparent, and that is that what we as Masons present to the mind's eye is in America represented to the bodily vision. It is impossible openly to speak more on so delicate a matter; but I would record the opinion that the manner in which the dramatic story of our earliest-known workings has developed into the acted drama now seen across the Atlantic, demands closest study from those Masons, both English and American, who desire to know what are the differences in practice here and there, and how and why they arose.

This is a problem which affects us all; but there also are problems which directly touch American Lodges alone, as there are those which touch English Lodges alone. Concerning these, which, at the most, are non-essential in their basis, it is well that each body should exercise both toleration and patience, and not seek to impose its opinions, even by implication, the one on the other.

Two phases of American Masonic activity are especially to be noted—the great and growing exercise of benevolence and the ardent expansion of Temple building. I had the privilege of visiting the Masonic Homes of Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Ohio.

Regarding my welcome generally, for the continuous warmth of which sincere thanks are rendered to every American Brother of whatever Masonic rank who assisted to greet me, I will not attempt to distinguish between the hosts. But I feel bound to acknowledge, with profound gratitude, the recognition given everywhere of the country from which I came, and of which, in a distinct degree, I was regarded as a representative. In every gathering I attended—Masonic, public, and social alike—the Union Jack was flown side by side with the Stars and Stripes, and the English National Anthem was sung as well as the American. Even as an act of courtesy to one from afar, it moved me deeply: as a token of widespread desire for better understanding through fuller intercourse between our two peoples, it filled me with hope.

I am rejoiced to state that every Masonic gathering addressed gave the most cordial and ungrudging assent to the principles thus defined; and I returned with the full assurance that the American Freemasonry we recognise in its various Jurisdictions, is as true as is English Masonry to the essential principles and tenets of the Craft.

If, in any degree, my visit has served to deepen and widen the belief in our essential principles, its main object—that of bringing American and English Freemasonry into closer relationship—will have been fully attained.



The Quarterly Communication was held 3rd December, 1924, Lord Amptill on the throne.

The cruel assassination of R.W. Brother Major General Sir Lee Stack, District Grand Master of Egypt and the Sudan had shocked the whole Empire and more especially his Brethren of Grand Lodge. The Pro Grand Master thus expresses their sympathy and regret:

Brethren, you will no doubt expect before we proceed to the business on the notice paper, some allusion to be made to the tragic event which a fortnight ago excited horror and indignation throughout the civilised world, and caused a grievous loss to His Majesty the King and all his subjects. You will also expect that an opportunity should be afforded you of expressing your feelings as Freemasons, and the feelings of all those whom you represent, in regard to the untimely death of the District Grand Master of Egypt and the Sudan, our late R.W. Bro. General Sir Lee Stack. That opportunity will be given to you in a formal resolution which I am about to submit in anticipation of your wishes. I need not dwell upon the circumstances in which our late Brother in Masonry was foully done to death by a band of assassins, the very fate which befell the prototype of all true Freemasons. It will suffice to say that the reasons for exceptional action on the part of Grand Lodge are similar to those which influenced you at the death, during the War, of another ruler in the Craft, our late Bro. Field Marshal Lord Kitchener. In each of these cases, the death of a leading Freemason has been a matter of national grief and a loss profoundly affecting the destinies of the Nation and the Empire.

Secretaries were reprimanded for not communicating the reports of Grand Lodge to their Masters and Brethren. The Pro Grand Master says:

What I say is that, while no Secretary of a Private Lodge has any right whatever to withhold from his Worshipful Master any communication of any kind, whether printed or written, received from the Grand Lodge of England, it is a positive duty, to which the Master has pledged himself, to make himself acquainted with those decisions.

The mere reading of extracts often has a soporific effect but if the Worshipful Master exercises those talents which he usually possesses—or certainly ought to possess if he has been made the Master of his Lodge—he can make it interesting at once by conveying the information to the Brethren in his own words and thereby carrying out his duty of instructing all brethren in Masonry (applause).

“That this United Grand Lodge of England accords recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia, at Barranquilla.”

“To the National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Cartagena.”

“To the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Colombia, at Bogota.”



Quarterly Communication was held 4th March, 1925, Lord Ampthill on the throne.

\*Acting as Grand Sword Bearer was W. Bro. Lt. Col. C. E. P. Sankey, D.S.O., a name well known in Canada, and also Colonel J. Austin Carpenter, V.D., a personal friend of this reviewer to whom as Mason and as man he has been much indebted on his various visits to England. Colonel Carpenter was in command of the London Fusiliers, and did great work during the war.

In the nomination again of the Grand Master, W. Bro. Firebrace said:

From North, South, East and West we have come, actuated, each and all, by a feeling of loyal, dutiful, and fraternal attachment to that great prince, who for over twenty years has ruled the Craft with unparalleled zeal, justice, and devotion; and I can, with the utmost confidence, affirm that in the hearts of every one here present, and in the hearts of every Mason within the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England, there is to-day but one wish, one deep-felt hope, that His Royal Highness our Grand Master may be spared, not for this year only, but for many years to come, to fill that high office which he has so long adorned.

The motion was carried unanimously, amid much applause.

A portrait of the Pro Grand Master was unveiled by Deputy Grand Master Sir Frederick Halsey who made an eloquent speech. The reply of Lord Ampthill in acknowledgment was touching and graceful. Among other things he said:

If this picture is going to be a memento which will be valued in this Grand Lodge for generations to come, I hope it will be regarded not so much as a personal representation of myself, but rather as a memento of an epoch, an era in Freemasonry which was distinguished by a large number of the most capable, zealous, and distinguished Brethren that the Craft has ever had; and that I stand there merely as *primus inter pares*, as the nominal and titular representative for the time being of that body of men.

You will, therefore, always have a work of art of which the Grand Lodge of England can be proud. Although I fully appreciate the truth of the saying that "fine feathers do not make fine birds," yet I do feel glad that I happen to have some fine feathers with which a picture could be made to embellish Freemasons' Hall. (Laughter and Applause.)

But this I will promise you, that so long as I have life and breath and energy, whether I remain Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master or whether I hold no office at all in this Grand Lodge, I shall always regard it as my sacred duty to do anything that may

lie in my power to promote the good of Freemasonry. (Loud Applause.)

The attendance at this meeting of Grand Lodge was 958.

In closing our review of the Proceedings of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world we desire on behalf of Canadian Masons generally to express our appreciation and pleasure on the appointment by the M.W. the Grand Master of Sir George McLaren Brown, formerly of Hamilton, European Manager of the C.P.R., as Senior Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England. The R. Worshipful Brother has done great service in the past in connection with "Canada" and other Lodges to the Craft and to the Empire. He is a "Captain of Industry" indeed.

M.W. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.

M.W. Rt. Hon. Lord Amphill, Pro Grand Master.

V.W. Sir P. Colville Smith, Freemason's Hall, London, Grand Secretary.

## GEORGIA, 1923

Joe P. Bowdoin, M.W., Grand Master.

Membership 67,433.

The review of the Proceedings of 1923 was not included in our 1924 Report owing to the Proceedings not having reached your reviewer. The Proceedings were excellently printed at the Masonic Home Printing Shop, Macon, where the boys are taught the art preservative.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Macon, October 30th, 1923, and the following account is given of the opening ceremonies:

Promptly at twelve o'clock the children of the Masonic Home were admitted and occupied the attention of the great concourse of Masons assembled.

A program of song was entered into in a most pleasing manner, the sweet voices of the children bringing up fond memories and recollections and causing many eyes to be filled with tears.

Miss Annie Pearl Knight, one of the daughters of our Georgia Home, most eloquently expressed the gratitude of the children of the Home to the assembled throng, and John Coit Broome, a bright son of Habersham, gave expression on behalf of the boys in the Home.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present. Canada was represented by W. Bro. J. K. Orr of Atlanta.

We might with advantage reprint whole pages of the Grand Master's message. The following must suffice:

Life is a weaver's shuttle; the web and woof have rapidly gone into the year's finished product.

May the trained eye and touch of the one who examines this, our woven yarn, find enough smoothness to make up for the irregularities, and may you, my brethren, look with Masonic charity upon my shortcomings, and with kindness pass my imperfections by.

He is an enthusiast about the Home and analyses every activity connected with it.

Those who graduate into the Chapter and other bodies must be well prepared as appears by the correspondence between the Grand Master, the Grand High Priest and others.

The Committee of Grand Chapter reported as follows:

That all applicants for the Capitular Degrees be required to furnish and be made a part of their petition, a certificate of proficiency in the Master's Degree from their Lodge after having stood such examination in open Lodge.

22 Cornerstones were laid by Grand Lodge during the year. Why do we in Canada not do the same? Why are our services not in demand?

With regard to the Foreign or Fraternal Correspondent the Grand Master says deservedly:

It is useless for me to tell you that Worshipful Raymund Daniel as your Foreign Correspondent is the best of all the States. Words are weak to describe his reports; they stand out, and all of the reviews of our sister Grand Jurisdictions have words of praise for him. He is a jewel among the precious gems of Foreign Correspondents.

From his closing we take the following:

Oh, brethren, these tools of our Craft are unbending, uncompromising, unyielding; they are right, correct and just; they cannot vary, and our task is to so live that when we recline at night for rest

and sleep, when the evening shadows come, when our daily life is done, we may rest in security, having faithfully, according to our teachings lived the true life of a Mason, with a conscience clear we may receive a benediction that will not permit regrets or remorse. If every day is properly lived, if we rest secure at nightfall under the accomplishment of good deeds done in the body, we need not fear the final yearly balance, nay, not only the yearly balance, but the final balance and the permanent closing of our life's book.

“When the flame of life burns dim and low,  
And the heart grows weak—the feet grow slow,  
God grant that there'll be someone to say  
Kind words and cheer me on my way—  
Some that I've helped to-day.”

The Fraternal review of sister Grand Jurisdictions is from the hand and head and heart of Brother Raymund Daniel who gives an outstanding report. In his introduction he says:

My beloved brethren:

Freemasonry, like life, is divided into three cycles—

- (a) The Age of Awakening.
- (b) The Period of Performance.
- (c) The Millenium of Achievement.

It is an axiom of holy writ that no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself. This imperishable statement is true of individuals and equally true of every profession, business or calling.

He quotes Lincoln's plea for regard for law and his warnings as follows:

I hope I am over wary; but if I am not, there is even now something of evil omen among us. I mean the increasing disregard for law which pervades the country—the growing disposition to substitute wild passions in lieu of the sober judgment of courts, and the worse than savage mobs for the executive ministers of justice.

Canada is delightfully reviewed. In order that our own Brethren may see how much we are appreciated we ask leave to quote the following:

A thrill, as from a mighty note of music, comes in the reading of the address of the Grand Master. The same logic and wisdom with the power of expression that marked his services for several years as chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry of the Grand Lodge attends his administration as Grand Master. His spoken words have been heard in several jurisdictions of the United States which he visited during the year.

One may say we are reproducing much from Brother Ponton's remarks. We wish we could re-print it all.



Of R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown he says:

The Canadian delicacy of efficiency pervades the appendix to the Proceedings which is allotted to the splendid review of Grand Correspondent Edward B. Brown.

A history of the Order of the Eastern Star is appended and makes interesting reading.

Two essays on Masonic Development by Louis Block, P.G.M. of Iowa, follow and add their fruitful benediction to a wonderful review. Some idea of the vitality of Bro. Block may be gathered from the following:

In the midst of all this and making the muddle worse, we have been bitten by the speed-bug and have fallen a victim to the skidding-sickness. We have developed a perfect passion for rapid motion. Nothing can go fast enough to suit us. Express trains rush us from Chicago to New York, ocean greyhounds scoot us from New York to London in a few short days, and highspeed cars hurl us to hell in a jiffy. We can't be patient or deliberate about anything. We are rabidly restless and can't bear to sit still. We must keep in motion. "Where do we go from here?" is the common cry. "We don't know where we are going, but we are on our way!" We want what we want when we want it. Ready built houses and ready-to-wear clothing are the rule. We are willing to wait for nothing. Everyone is on the jump. We hurry here and there, chasing first this thing, and then that, darting about like wild water-bugs at a sewer's mouth. We are ready to "try anything once," and always crazy to try something new. When jazz fails to give us joy, then our madness manifests itself in the Marathon dance.

"A man of words and not of deeds,  
Is like a garden full of weeds."

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,  
But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

There is no need for new laws, new systems, new forms of government. There is a crying need for plain old-fashioned individual performance of duty.

"Honour and Fame from no condition rise,  
Act well your part—there all the honour lies!"

Otherwise all our preaching of precepts, all our ritualizing, will be as

"A thing full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing."

James D. Hamrick, M.W., Grand Master.

Frank F. Baker, R.W., Grand Secretary.



**GEORGIA, 1924**

James D. Hamrick, Grand Master.

Membership 70,267. Net gain 1,980.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Macon, October 28th, 1924.

The Proceedings were most creditably printed at the Masonic Home Printing Shop, which is fully equipped.

The reception of a venerable honoured Mason at the opening is thus recorded:

That beloved veteran of seventy Masonic and ninety-one natural years, M.W. Past Grand Master James W. Taylor, received an ovation of love from the Grand Lodge when he answered present for the sixty-fifth consecutive annual roll call of the Grand Lodge.

When the name of Bro. Patterson, Grand Marshal, was called a Brother thus responded on his behalf:

Our friend and brother, Grand Marshall Bedford L. Patterson fails to answer; he has fallen on sleep and rests from his labors.

Fare thee well, our brother. We feel sure that you now rejoice in a brighter glory than will ever shine on this transitory earth and the influence of your life will ever abide here below to inspire.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada was represented by Bro. J. K. Orr of Atlanta.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, the quality of which can be gauged by the following extracts.

It is the men who lead useful lives, quietly doing life's duties, who make good homes, thus making good communities and good states, who, unseen and well-nigh unknown work out their existence in bettering and uplifting those about them.

Those are the men who are truly great: and this standard requires neither wealth, prestige nor applause. The vast majority of us may live to this standard and become justly entitled to the respect of our fellow men.

Someone has well said: "The present generation of Masons are in no wise responsible for the past; they may be largely responsible for the future; but the entire responsibility of the present rests with them."

Every Mason shall aim to be a perfect workman, building with the utmost care the temple of his own life.

If Freemasons fail to build their lives into beautiful temples, it is not for the lack of a perfect pattern, plan and precedent.

When will we have an opportunity in Canada of speaking in such affectionate terms of **our** Masonic Home? The Grand Master says:

The interest of every Mason in Georgia centers in our Home. It is our noblest Charity. They are our children and call for our especial love and care.

Your children are happy, healthy and in fine condition. Their interests are being carefully looked after and attended to.

The Director of Masonic Welfare has apparently done good service and receives this tribute:

He has served the Craft as few have or can. He has been the right hand man of your Grand Master. He has given a service of love that could only be inspired by a heart filled with the love and loving kindness of "Charlie Bass."

With regard to Cornerstones the Grand Master in reporting the laying of seventeen during the year says:

The laying of a corner stone is a beautiful, as well as a most impressive ceremony, therefore we should give careful and close attention to this work; it being one of the few occasions that Masons have to impress the public, as well as speaking of the hidden principles of Masonry, and bringing out the many beautiful lessons, which should not be neglected.

And he concludes with these verses:

"What is life?

It is morning, and evening, and noonday and night

With their shadowy paths to be trod.

It is climbing up from the valleys of man

To the wind-swept mountains of God."

From the report of the Committee on General Welfare we gather:

The day of Masonic literature has dawned, and to fail to follow up the completion of degree work is almost criminal, if considered in the light of duty. Besides, it is a delightful task, both to teacher and student. Masonic books are to be had at prices comparable to the cost of every day novels, and a library may be installed in a lodge with but the outlay of a few dollars. Some of our lodges have already installed them.

Well deserved praise is given to "The Messenger" of which the Committee say:

This publication is printed by our Georgia orphan children, at the Print Shop of the Masonic Home. We desire to commend the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home, especially Brother T. J. Carling, its chairman, and Brother E. A. McHan, Editor, for the splendid paper they are giving to the Craft in "The Messenger."

Georgia was represented in Canada by the late M.W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C., of Pembroke.

Bro. Raymund Daniel is again Grand Correspondent and as usual gives us something worthy.

From his introduction we make the following extracts. We wish we could print it all.

There are three processes by which development can be attained. They are:

- (1) Evolution.                      (2) Revolution.                      (3) Involution.

Freemasonry is a part of life. It is influenced by, as well as it influences, the character of that with which it comes in contact.

It is influenced to the extent that, while it holds to the ancient Masonic customs, it adapts itself so as to make its proper and righteous impressions upon the minds and hearts of those living in the complexities of a changing state of affairs.

According to our mind this is the interpretation of the statement that "Freemasonry is a progressive science."

In the former rock-ribbed British Empire the divisist age is manifest. Egypt, India and Ireland, like Canada, name their own officials. New Zealand and Australia have but recently advised the British Government that they will not be bound by any declaration of war the Motherland may feel compelled to make.

It is needless to close eyes and ears to the situation. Freemasonry must remain or go with the tide. If it stands, as stand it will, our Fraternity must not only be an impregnable Gibraltar to beat back the waves, but it must also keep its light burning upon the summit of its imperishable hills as a beacon to those who are confronted by the turbulent sea.

To be true to itself, Freemasonry must be active and not anaemic.

So, as the exponents of a sane liberty and advancement, we must preach the gospel of conservation and prudent and discreet progress.

After all is said and done is not our duty summed up in "God and Country?" There are the duties to "neighbor, family and self,"

but are these involved in the first two? Can any one be untrue to the last three and remain true to God and country?

We are simply overwhelmed by our colleague's kindness in his review of seven pages of Canada and we must be pardoned reprinting his personal eulogy which is most gratifying and encouraging.

It seems to be a culmination of Brother Ponton's great service to the Craft, although as long as our distinguished brother lives shall his impress be felt upon the Fraternity. He retires as Grand Master, but whenever any one thinks of Canada, he will remember Brother Ponton. We are glad he has been made Grand Correspondent.

In our presentation of the annual address of the Grand Master, we are taking the liberty of submitting the most important paragraphs. We wish we possessed the space to reproduce it in full.

Of the Report on the Condition of Masonry by R.W. Bro. Shanks he says:

As we reach the splendid report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, as presented by Brother Thomas Shanks, we lift it bodily and are appending it at the conclusion of our report, so that Georgia Masons may receive its inspiration.

All Canada voices this appreciation of our colleague's generous discernment in reprinting the whole address.

Of our Fraternal Correspondence of 1923 he says of Edward B. Brown:

We will miss his good work.

The Correspondence reviews were divided among several brethren, who served well.

The burden of the report fell upon Brother R. C. Blagrove, who reviews Georgia 1922. He calls the institution of our permanent and revolving Masonic students Loan Fund "an important effort."

On the Order of De Molay, Minnesota gives him this comment:

This order, if my information is correct, has been brought forth under Masonic auspices by one of the subsidiary bodies with no concurrent action on the part of the Grand Lodge. Furthermore, it appears that its sponsorship was established in so-called higher bodies rather than in the Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry. That this method of procedure is unsound needs no word of mine to point out. It is the function of the Grand Lodge to determine what organizations shall be formed in the name of Masonry as it is the function of the Grand Lodge to determine the policies of Masonry.

The review of Virginia appealed to our colleague as it did to us, and of the reviewer he says:

Herewith we are reproducing some of Brother Eggleston's peerless expressions in the reviews of other jurisdictions.

Interesting correspondence with the Grand Orient of France and the invasion of American Jurisdictions closes the volume. We read:

A lodge of any foreign obedience, situated within the territorial jurisdiction of an American Grand Lodge, in defiance of its sovereignty, is an irregular Lodge and its members cannot be recognized as regular Masons.

Evidently some of our French Confrères have not the highest opinion of either England or the United States for we read the following which makes us sit up and take notice:

The United States are, for such as have not lived here, the most incomprehensible, the most unlike people in the world. Study well the English and you will know somewhat their Anglo-Saxon brothers called the Americans.

Long may our friend Bro. Raymund Daniel keep the fire glowing on the hearth while we sit together at the Round Table.

James D. Hamrick, M.W. Grand Master, Carrollton.

F. F. Baker, R.W. Grand Secretary, Macon.

## IDAHO

Victor Peterson, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 9,500. Net gain 364.

Several special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for the laying of corner-stones of Churches, administration buildings and other public spirited purposes. At one a representative of British Columbia was present and received a warm welcome and delivered an interesting address.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Lewiston 9th September, 1924.

The next Annual will be held at Pocatello 2nd Tuesday, September, 1925.



On the title page of the Proceedings is an injunction that Worshipful Masters shall cause the same to be read in the Lodges within three months from the receipt thereof "which fact the Secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary forthwith *under the seal of the Lodge.*" This is something so definite and positive that it cannot be evaded and the honour of each Lodge is involved. We commend the admonition to our Brethren.

Canada's representative did not appear among those who received honours at the altar. No less than 16 Past Grand Masters testified to their virility and devotion by their active presence.

The Grand Master of Washington was welcomed.

The Grand Master in his address remarks that 61 years ago the Grand Lodge of Washington had chartered Lewiston Lodge then only an outfitting place for miners, with a small and changing population, now a substantial and important City.

As to that dynamo of activity—the Masonic Service Association—the Grand Master says:

The Masonic Service Association held a meeting in Washington on October 29 and 30, which I visited. The Association is doing good work in the Jurisdictions that have whole-heartedly adopted its educational program.

He granted and refused the usual number of dispensations, among the refusals being the following:

Several requests have been made for my approval to circularize the lodges in the interest of charitable and semi-public movements not connected with the Fraternity, and all of them have been refused.

From many decisions we take the following two which may be of interest to some of our readers:

Is it permissible to remit the fees for the degrees to ministers for "services rendered?"

Ans. No. There should be no discrimination as to the fees because of the business or profession of the candidates. The fee must be collected before the degree is conferred, and it should not be remitted.

Is it proper for a lodge to endorse a civic society for commendable law enforcement, or to start a movement for the closing of a Sunday picture show?

Ans. No. It might draw the lodge into partisan politics, and that should always be avoided.

His recommendations cover a wide field, among them the following:

There is a tendency in Masonic, as in other circles, to over-legislate. But changes are needed to meet changed conditions.

Like my predecessors, I urge that steps be taken to codify and revise our laws. We require the officers to conform to and enforce the law, but it is difficult to find the law on many given points in the present Code and Digest; and when found, one may not be sure that it has not been amended.

As to Masonic Clubs he says:

The club should undertake only such activities as are approved by the lodge, because each lodge is accountable for Masonic discipline in its territory. The club or the members thereof would have no right to constitute themselves a committee to examine and vouch for brethren as Masons, but I have made no objection to the Master of the lodge appointing an examining committee to examine and vouch for brethren in these places.

With regard to the condition of the Lodges and in his conclusion he gives us the following thoughts on subjects of practical interest:

When it takes a part of the fees paid for the degrees to meet the fixed running expenses, the lodge is unwisely speculating on the future.

The character of the candidates is closely investigated, and as a rule, the committees are not afraid to report their convictions. This is as it should be, for admission into the lodge is a privilege that the brethren of the lodge may grant, and not a right possessed by anyone. In a few lodges discord has arisen over feelings—pro and con—concerning the Ku Klux Klan. It is unfortunate that feelings concerning this, or any other non-Masonic organization, should ever come into the lodge. Masonry has no connection with this, or any other non-Masonic organization. For any Mason to pretend that there is a connection is reprehensible, and cannot but be condemned.

He says that they could hardly do without their Library which is not large but is yearly added to and which meets their requirements. Is our Library in Toronto sufficiently understood and used?

The Grand Secretary gives an interesting report embracing the following:

Members as a rule are wanting to understand Masonry, and trying to follow its precepts. And that, after all, is the great purpose of all our endeavor. Dealing with that class of men, one comes to take an optimistic view of life's problems, for no problem is so difficult that it cannot be solved provided men are brethren and actuated by the spirit of tolerance and brotherly love.

From the Committee on Masonic education we derive this never to be forgotten truth:

Success or failure in matters of this kind should not be measured by the number who participate, altogether. For it is just as true today as ever that a "little leaven leaveneth the whole". And if but a few members in each lodge catch the vision, it will ultimately be reflected in its effect upon others. Efforts along this line are never lost entire, and doubtless the future will bear witness that our efforts have not been in vain.

Denmark was accorded recognition.

A Lodge had acquitted a Brother but the Grand Lodge of Idaho set this decision aside and directed that the accused be expelled. Might there not have been a re-trial directed? Probably there were reasons but in their absence it seems to us rather a high-handed proceeding.

Grand Lodge adjourned in order to lay the cornerstone of the University of Idaho at Moscow. The ceremony is thus chronicled:

This is the first occasion in the history of the Grand Lodge of Idaho when the Grand Lodge in annual communication has suspended its routine labors and turned aside for a time to perform this ancient and impressive ceremony of laying the corner stone of a public building. And the day will always mark an important event in the history of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, as well as that of the University of Idaho, for the welfare of that institution should and doubtless does touch the heart and pride of every Mason throughout the state.

On retiring from the Grand East M.W. Bro. Peterson presented the Grand Master's Signet Ring to his successor. It has been worn by each successive Grand Master for many years and transmitted to each successor with its lustre undimmed.

M.W. Bro. A. W. Gordon represents Canada in Idaho, and Idaho is represented in Canada by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson of Strathroy, an energetic worker.

Then follows a roster of the daughter Lodges.

The Correspondence is in new hands, those of R.W. Bro. John W. Shore who makes his first report and says by way of introduction:

In reviewing the Proceedings of the sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions above enumerated, I have been impressed with the tremendous fund of information given and the wealth of knowledge displayed.

The new feature which has come up in the foregoing Proceedings is the almost universal apprehension which is expressed by Grand Masters and others with regard to:

- (1) the quality of the new membership.
- (2) the reasons, good or otherwise, which actuate these new members in seeking admission to the Order, and
- (3) the influence of the ever-increasing number of organizations which are being hitched on to the body of Ancient Craft Masonry.

I have deemed it my duty to present such things as I believe are of interest to the brethren with all possible impartiality, and have, therefore, refrained from injecting too much of my own personal views, and possibly my own personal bias, into the comments, which are almost inevitable in order to compile an intelligent and readable narrative.

Evidently there has been banter and repartee between British Columbia and Idaho as we find this "spirited" paragraph:

In the "Review of Idaho" for 1922, a lance is jocosely broken with Brother Knepper, who was moved to inquire a little into the material quality of the toasts drunk in the Jurisdiction of British Columbia on certain occasions.

California's word of warning is repeated in the following words:

As this report will go to many jurisdictions outside of the State of California, we desire to give a word of warning to brethren contemplating coming to California in search of health.

While we are glad at all times to welcome brethren from other Jurisdictions, they should not attempt to come to California unless they are amply provided for and unless they are sure of proper care, otherwise, it is much better for them to remain at home where they will have the assistance of their friends and home surroundings.

Canada receives friendly and fraternal recognition and also full quotation. Incidentally our colleague says:

The Grand Master gave a definition of The Lodge and expressed some opinions which will bear quoting:

The Grand Master had a few kind words to say to those Grand Representatives who were NOT present.

Two hundred pages of Proceedings are taken up with the reports of twenty-six D.D.G.M.'s, who do the detailed work and thus relieve the Grand Master. Their activities are immense.

He quotes approvingly under Connecticut a denouncement of games of skill, bazaars, etc., saying:



The Grand Master was distinctly unambiguous on getting something for nothing, or the possibility of it.

His paragraphs on platitudes are particularly good and under Maine he comments and quotes:

The Grand Master is rather fond of this word and uses it several times, from which one is able to gather that he is not altogether in favor of the sounding brass and tinkling cymbal stuff which occasionally is pretty much all that goes to make up some of our flowery addresses. His use of the word comes in on one occasion with reference to the District Deputies, who, he states, are following the custom in the Jurisdiction and merely attend the lodges, sit down to a good banquet, have a good time, make a few comments on their work and express some platitudes.

In order that our Brethren may understand the meaning of a topical report as distinct from reviews of the separate Jurisdictions we quote our colleague's explanation under North Dakota:

The rest of the tale is taken up by his successor and is topical in character, which, for the benefit of those of our rank and file who are not likely to read this effusion, means that a particular subject is taken and everything noteworthy under that heading in any of the Jurisdictions is collated under the said caption. This is a method which enables anyone to get a very good idea of what has been done as a whole on any one thing, but for the egotistic it presents the difficulty that it is hard to ascertain exactly what has been said with regard to a particular Jurisdiction.

The very name of Idaho suggests romance.

Frank Knox, Emmett, M.W. Grand Master.

Curtis F. Pike, Boise, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## ILLINOIS

M.W. Arthur E. Wood, Grand Master.

Membership 271,374. Net gain 11,736.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Meeting was held in Chicago at the Eighth Street Theatre, 14th October, 1924. Previous to the opening the Grand Lodge was entertained in a delightful manner by the Boys' and Girls' Band of the Masonic Orphans Home, LaGrange.

From the invocational prayer of the Grand Chaplain we take this sentence:



Bless Thy servant, the master of this assembly and the directing mind, with wisdom, strength and love. Enable him to so rule and control us that he may keep in view the best interest of the great brotherhood committed to his charge and by his firmness and kindness win all hearts.

The Grand Master delivered an able address as will appear by the following extracts:

We are invested with high prerogatives in order to protect the interests of this venerable institution, dear to us because we know its excellencies.

We must not forget that the usefulness and perpetuity of our beloved fraternity do not depend upon the number we admit so much as upon the character they sustain.

Let no candidate be admitted to our membership to obtain a good character. Let him possess that indispensable requisite before he is received by us! We are not a reformatory institution. We require blocks purer than Parian marble for the erection of our Mystic Temple. Let us, my brethren, take good material and finish it well.

His tribute to the late Past Grand Master Fitzgerrell and other deceased Brethren was very earnest.

An excellent picture of Sir Alfred Robbins of England is given and with regard to his visit the G.M. says:

Brother Robbins came to the United States bearing with him a message of good will from the Grand Master of England, and this message was delivered to the Masons of Illinois through their Grand Master at a dinner in honor of Brother Robbins given on the evening of April 30th.

Of illegitimate methods of raising funds the Grand Master says:

The questionable methods used by some lodges, and by organizations that predicate their membership on Masonry, to raise funds and for sundry other purposes, were brought to my attention on numerous occasions.

Among his decisions we find the following showing how **national** Illinois is:

Another question calling for a decision interpreting this amendment was whether or not a rejected petitioner who was an alien could again petition after the lapse of one year. I held that he could not again petition a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction until he became a citizen of the United States.

Under Balloting we have this cautionary word:

Private piques and quarrels have no place in our lodge rooms; and they have no place in the analysis of a man's character with

respect to his fitness for Masonry. It is the right and privilege of every Master Mason to cast the black ball at his own discretion; yet I feel that a word of caution should be given against the indiscriminate and prejudiced use of this power.

He exercises discipline fearlessly and says:

The foregoing shows a considerable number of cases where discipline was deemed necessary for the best interests of the Craft. It is, however, gratifying that out of almost 1,000 lodges only eight cases were found requiring action by the Grand Master to cause the law to be enforced.

With regard to courtesy Degrees he recommends:

I recommend for adoption by this Grand Lodge a law providing that an elected candidate of a lodge in Illinois must receive his first degree in the lodge which elects him, and that the first degree may not be conferred by a lodge in Illinois upon other than its own candidates.

From his conclusion we take these words:

Good men, able and true, will be elected to preside over our symbolic lodges, other good men, equally able and true, will seek to join with you; and you will gladly welcome them.

Pictures of new Temples erected in Chicago as the Homes of the Brethren in this great Jurisdiction add to the value of the volume.

The Grand Master and a Past Grand Master of Michigan were welcomed.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Horner delivered an historical address in which he makes some interesting references to the past. A few paragraphs will illustrate:

The Grecian orator, Pericles, in addressing the people of Athens, said: "I never ascend the platform of the Pnyx without secretly imploring the Gods to suffer my lips to utter no heedless word and never allow me to forget that I am speaking to Athenians."

The first Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge, elected in 1840, was no less a personage than Stephen A. Douglas.

I would bring him again before you members of the Grand Lodge, that you may recall some of the beauties of his character, some of the sterling qualities of his leadership and some of the splendid elements of that patriotism which marked his whole life.

Masonry is a society of men and not alone a code of conduct. The world is measuring Masonry and will continue to judge it by the acts and the lives of individual Masons.

There is no limit to the influence of the individual moving among and influencing his fellows. Men by their attractions and force of character form in turn the character of their fellows and out of this the policy of nations is formed—the trend of the human race directed.

Give us men!  
 Strong and stalwart ones,  
 Men whom highest hope inspires,  
 Men whom purest honor fires,  
 Men who trample self beneath them,  
 Men who make their country wreath them,  
 As her noble sons,  
 Worthy of their sires.  
 Men who never shame their mothers,  
 Men who never fail their brothers,  
 True, however false are others—  
 Give us men—I say again,  
 Give us men.

From the report of the Superintendent of the Home we take this paragraph:

The average age of the members in the Home is 72, the youngest, 38 and the oldest, 96. We have a good many people over 80 years of age. The average age of members admitted the last year is 68½ years, the youngest, 46 and the oldest, 96; 21 being over 75 years of age; nine being over 80 years of age. We have taken care of 180 different people during the year as the report will show, 55 being admitted since the first of October, 1923.

The Committee on Obituaries quotes the following verse:

“Dear Father, we pray for Thy Guidance  
 Till we, too, reach the turn of the road;  
 Oh, grant us the glory of helping  
 To lighten some wayfarer's load,  
 And when in the hush of the evening  
 We wait in the low sunset's gold,  
 May we know, like those whom we honor,  
 How beautiful it is to be old”.

Bro. Sylvester O. Spring answered the roll call of Grand Representatives on behalf of Canada.

Illinois is divided into 100 Districts, each of which receives a full report.

A complete Lodge Directory is given with statistics.

From the foreword of the Masonic Correspondence Review by Bro. Elmer E. Beach we find this summary of our duties:

A review of the proceedings of the grand lodges of the world furnishes almost a liberal Masonic education, and the reading by

the individual Masons of a review of such proceedings should give a more comprehensive and accurate view of the trend of Masonic thought and legislation than can be obtained in any other way.

Of education he emphasizes the importance:

Almost all grand masters have deplored the ignorance of lodge officers concerning the fundamental law of each jurisdiction—The Blue Book.

Study clubs have been recommended not only to increase general Masonic education, but education in Masonic law as well.

With regard to Masonic Clubs and other Organizations Missouri gives our colleague these words:

A well-known Masonic writer said in a recent article: "They pretend to be Masonic by reason of the fact that they permit no one to join them who is not a Master Mason. Because of the fact that their membership is composed of Masons only, the thoughtless Mason and the uninformed non-Mason alike, conclude that these societies are Masonic, despite the fact that none of them has either been recognized or ratified by any governing Masonic body. These "side-orders" scatter Masonic forces, lower the aims and purposes, destroy the ancient dignity, and blur the vision of its loftiest ideals. They tend, inevitably, to wreck its power and influence by destroying its solidarity, and threaten to take away, wholly, its power to serve mankind'."

Canada 1923 is reviewed under the name of Ontario and we appreciate the kindly reference made.

A fine and polished address was delivered by the grand master and we quote the following:

"Let me again, while still in office, reiterate and emphasize, that both chivalry and courtesy and gentlemanly self respect demand that the tribute and consideration of concentrated and quiet attention should be given to those who are asked by our masters and junior wardens to sing or play for us. How can exquisite lyrics, ballads or fugues be interpreted and rendered while unappreciated cigars are being distributed, belated ice cream is being served, and banter and repartee in distant and isolated groups is being indulged in?"

A strict examination of visitors and the production of a written voucher as a good precaution is recommended.

With reference to promotion in office he says, "If the line of succession is to be formally observed, how careful should be the selection of junior officers."

The report of all the Jurisdictions is brief but satisfying.

M.W. R. C. Davenport, Harrisburg, Grand Master.

R.W. Owen Scott, Decatur, Grand Secretary.



**INDIANA**

M.W. Charles H. Lippincott, Grand Master.

Membership 120,973. Net gain 3,899.

The splendidly executed portraits of four representative men precede the volume of Proceedings, each with a striking personality.

Prior to the regular meeting, an opening meeting was held in the Grand Lodge Auditorium in Indianapolis 27th May, 1924, at which a Girls' Orchestra from the Masonic Home were enthusiastically received. The former Vice President of the United States, Bro. Thomas R. Marshall, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, spoke in part as follows:

My religion and my politics were and are still divorced from my Masonry. It was taught me that I had no right to use the Masonic fraternity for self-aggression.

Always Freemasonry has sought to be a steadying and sobering influence in the community. Our illustrious order has always played a part in the country's affairs, not as an organization, but as the inculcator of teachings that make for citizenship and idealism.

554 members visited the Masonic Home at Franklin and found everything most satisfying.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication convened with no less than 20 Past Grand Masters forming a column of defence, support and ornament.

Canada's Grand Representative was as in most of the other Jurisdictions of the United States, absent from roll call.

The Grand Master opens his address with gratitude to God and with firm resolve to meet all Masonic obligations.

Of the Masonic Service Association, that splendidly active factor in the United States, he says:

It is my judgment that the Masonic Service Association is rendering a service to Masonry, particularly in its educational and inspirational work, and that it may be a useful agent of the various Grand Jurisdictions by promoting closer fellowship and better understanding, and on suitable occasions, such as the last great war, by representing the desires of Masonry nationally.



Under the head of Lawlessness let us hear and heed:

Your Grand Master has been compelled to call the attention of a number of lodges to the fact that they were harboring within their membership brethren guilty of unmasonic conduct in breaking the laws of the state and nation, some of whom had been found guilty in the federal court and condemned to punishment.

I directed these lodges to perform their duty and clear the Masonic fraternity from the stain of aiding or encouraging any man in disrespect and defiance of the law. The charge is often brought against Masonry that it harbors men whose characters stand condemned by law-abiding citizens in their own community. The charge is too often well founded.

Lawlessness is growing at an alarming rate in this country. It is the solemn obligation of every Mason and of every Masonic Lodge to observe, respect and reverence the laws of the land. Masonry has been, is, and must continue to be the bulwark of the Constitution, the unfailing support of law and order, the unchangeable foundation of truth, justice and righteousness.

With regard to the Ku Klux Klan he says:

These letters indicate that this movement has caused serious dissensions among many of the Brethren, penetrated some of our lodges to so great a degree that Masonic ties have been broken, the principles and teachings of Masonry set at naught, and the moral and fraternal influence of lodges destroyed.

He does not believe in commercializing the Craft and says:

In this connection your attention is directed to the fact that the Grand Lodge does not assume responsibility for any commercial organizations that may appeal to Masons on the ground that they are owned and operated by Masons, and that they only do business with Masons. Nor does it stand sponsor for any papers or publications not specially authorized by it. The only paper that has received its approval is the very excellent journal published by our Masonic Home.

In my judgment it is not good policy for the Grand Lodge or for constituent lodges to give their endorsement to any movements or projects that are not safely within the limits of the landmarks of Masonry.

On June 24th they have an annual Masonic Home Day and the Grand Master thus speaks of the object of their meeting:

June 24th is universally observed in honor of St. John the Baptist, a patron saint of the Masons. This rugged four square, red-blooded Saint, who prepared the way for his Great Master, the Man of Galilee, never had a home but he dedicated his manly soul to making the world a better place for the home of man.

Some of our aged and infirm brethren and some of the children of our deceased brethren had no homes until the Grand Lodge, realizing their need, began the erection of the splendid institution which today ministers as a loving mother to them.

Many others are knocking at the door waiting upon our generosity for relief. We have been abundantly blessed in Indiana. Can we not bring an offering of thanksgiving out of our store-house which will help to extend the magnificent work of our splendid Home to the aged, the infirm and the little ones who have no homes. St. John was the Herald of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

With regard to Masonic emblems and the alleged doctrine of once a Mason always a Mason, he says:

If he is suspended or expelled he loses his rights immediately upon the pronouncing of the sentence. A person under sentence of suspension or expulsion has no right to wear a Masonic emblem, and a Mason in good standing should not converse Masonically with him. And in my opinion the same rule should apply to one carrying a demit longer than six months.

He quotes the law as follows:

Badges of Secret Societies—Wearing of.—1. It shall be unlawful for any person not a member of a secret society or other organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana, or doing business in this state, to wear a badge, uniform or emblem of any secret society or other organization such as has been adopted by the regulations of said societies or organizations.

Penalty. That every person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars."

With regard to the Questionnaire of candidates for admission he says:

"The object of the Grand Lodge in adopting a Questionnaire was not to release lodges from this obligation but rather to impress upon them the very great importance of it. The Questionnaire does not really represent the maximum of the lodge's duty in determining the fitness of the candidate but rather the minimum of the duty.

"Bear in mind constantly that it is the first and fundamental duty of the lodge to determine fully the fitness of the candidate's character and you will not go astray."

As to grinding out a grist of Degrees in record time the Grand Master truly says:

I made answer that in my judgment it was not possible for a candidate to become sufficiently proficient in the lectures of the first and second degrees to warrant his advancement to the third degree in the same day.

19 Cornerstones were laid by Grand Lodge, thus preserving a fundamental contact with the public and the State. What is the matter with Canada in this regard?

The Grand Master concludes as follows:

It is my sincere hope and prayer that our Grand Lodge may long continue its honorable record of upholding justice, righteousness and truth in city, state and nation; that it may progressively extend its blessed and benevolent ministry of helpfulness to its own needy members, their dependents and mankind in general;

From the Grand Treasurer's report we get the following interesting information:

The Grand Lodge now has title to real estate in the Counties of Parke, Warrick, Hancock, Howard, Clinton, Monroe, Henry, Johnson, Allen, Brown and Marion. Efforts have been made to sell these various properties, but the prices have been so low and the demand so light it has not been possible thus far to dispose of them upon anything like satisfactory terms.

Several bequests have been made to the Home during the past year.

It is to be observed that the women still lead in the array of generous bequests to the Home. It is a woman who in her lifetime has made the largest direct individual gift for the Home, and it is likewise from a woman that we have received the largest bequest thus far. All honor to these generous ones who have remembered their brothers' welfare, not in their application to Deity alone. I would renew and emphasize my statement of a year ago, that the women have set a wonderful example to the Masons of Indiana.

Evidently hard times have struck Indiana as other Jurisdictions, for we read:

The dues of 1,178 brothers were remitted, which indicates that one brother in one hundred is "unable to pay," as that is the only reason for remitting dues.

The report of the Directors of the Home contains the following with much interesting detail:

Every department in the Home is now embraced in a general system of training and every child from the seventh grade to the High School Senior, is assigned to one or more of these departments. The farm, dairy, garden, greenhouse, power plant, laundry, printing office, paint shop, carpenter shop, sheet metal work, auto mechanics, mechanical drawing, designing, housekeeping, practical domestic science, dressmaking and stenography, has each its quota of boys and girls working part of each day under the supervision of the heads of these several departments.

I am pleased to report that many of our children during their out-of-school hours are applying themselves to their music. The Boys Band and the Girls Orchestra continue to be among the best of their kind.

Under Lines to the Distinguished Dead we reproduce these sentences from the Committee's report:

Death by the ancients was considered to be the payment of a penalty; a plea of guilty to the charge of wrong-doing. Death to the Man and the Mason is recognized by us to be a call to the more complete life. We do not feel that our Masonic brother has really died, for there is no plea of guilty in the record. There is not a shadow in the valley through which he travels. No King of Terrors guides his footsteps. The word Death has no horrors for the virtuous.

Bro. Elias J. Jacoby of Indianapolis represents Canada.

Bro. A. M. Cunningham of Hamilton, represents Indiana.

The Correspondence Annual Review is ably written by M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, P.G.M. whose outstanding portrait precedes his report.

Canada is found under the O's as "Ontario" and our colleague generously and gracefully reproduces the whole of the introduction of distinguished visitors by our Grand Lodge at the meeting of 1923 and he describes our words of welcome as kind and courteous. He gives many pages of the speeches, greetings and acknowledgments and closes his review as follows:

If space would permit we should like to quote the words of response spoken by the distinguished visitors, but we would advise our readers to get a copy of the Proceeding and read it in its entirety, especially the Grand Master's address, which is one of the best that we have had the pleasure of reading for many years.

From Virginia he takes these good words:

Virginia Masonry has a proud heritage of lofty traditions, noble endeavor and glorious achievement. Our past should be a constant inspiration, a never-failing stimulus to every Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction to lift high the banner of Masonry and to preserve her name unsullied.

M.W. J. Lee Dinwiddie, Fowler, Grand Master.

R.W. William H. Swintz, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.



**IOWA**

Milo J. Gabriel, Grand Master.

Membership 83,871. Net increase 2,466.

The fine features of Grand Master Gabriel indicate that he lives up to his striking name. His biography makes good reading and it is all summed up in the cumulative conclusion:

He is a Past Master of the Blue Lodge; he is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; he is always a Grand Master of Good Fellowship. In his retirement from the labors of Grand Master of Masons, we wish for him a full realization of the serene reflection that the Toils of Honor Dignify Repose.

The preliminary exercises were opened by an eloquent invocation and by an address of welcome from Bro. Gibson, Attorney General of the State of Iowa, from whose eloquent words we take the following sentence.

As I sat here also and watched the introduction of our distinguished Past Grand Master, the thought came over me that in this time of 1924, when it seems that the whole world has something wrong with it, when in Iowa—great old State of Iowa—we hear criticisms on all sides; when throughout the land we hear everyone calling upon everyone else and saying not the best but the worst things of them; it seems to me that somehow or other we could well remember that Masonic teaching which tells us to remember the traditions and landmarks of the fathers.

P.G.M. Clark responded very happily and closed his address with two verses of terrestrial loyalty with which we do not often meet.

"When the burdens of life I am called to lay down,  
I hope I may be in Iowa.  
I never can ask a more glorious crown  
Than one of the sod of Iowa.

"And when the last trump wakes the land and sea,  
And the tombs of the earth set their prisoners free,  
You may all go aloft if you choose, but for me,  
I think I'll just stay in Iowa."

The Eighty-first Annual Communication was held at Des Moines June 10th, 1924, with as it turned out, the venerable and honoured Newton R. Parvin acting for the last time as Grand Secretary. Since the Proceedings were published R.W. Bro. Parvin who was also Grand Librarian and the Nestor and advisor of all



younger Brethren, has been called to his reward. His works live after him.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters testified their cohesive loyalty by their presence.

As usual Iowa's Grand Master gave an able address. He has earned his spurs. Iowa's ranks he records were depleted during the past year by the loss of over 1,000 members.

He refers particularly to Masonic trials and points out a valuable *vade mecum* published by that scholarly Mason, Bro. C. C. Hunt as a *Trial Manual* which would no doubt be as useful in Canada as in Iowa.

With regard to Cornerstones a ceremony which is featured particularly in United States Jurisdictions he says:

It gives me, then, great pleasure to report to this Grand Lodge that during my administration fourteen corner stones have been laid, ten of which I officiated at personally. This is a very gratifying matter, since it conveys to the Craft its continued and justly deserved popularity for the performance of such duties, despite the fact that there has been a militant opposition to Masonic services in this respect.

With regard to outside organizations he speaks this suggestive truth:

Personally, I cannot believe that it is necessary for any Mason in Iowa to go outside of the province of the Fraternity to function as a loyal American citizen.

If each Mason exhausts every channel of useful citizenship that Masonry points out to him, he cannot but be a patriot and a man.

Everywhere we hear good of the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Master says:

No doubt can exist as to the efficient way in which the Masonic Service Association is promoting a better understanding and co-operation for public weal among the several grand bodies.

An excellent picture of Sir Alfred and Lady Robbins of England adorns the Proceedings and he evidently won all hearts in his visit with regard to which the Grand Master says:

The felicitous address of Sir Alfred at once marked him as a fine Masonic scholar. His appreciative remarks of the wonderful reception tendered him by the Masons of the United States created a

very favorable impression. His plea for co-operation and mutual and appreciative understanding of world issues between this country and Great Britain was eloquent and timely, and one could not help feeling that an interchange of representative men in the world of Masonry would serve to enhance the interest of peace and good will among the English speaking peoples.

He speaks favourably of DeMolay in the following paragraph:

I look upon the DeMolay Organization for Boys as conveying to the profane in a very significant manner the interest of Masons in boyhood, and a reminder to Masons that the fellowship of father and son is a perennial necessity.

And concludes with this touching and poetic farewell:

In the after days, as the sun will be setting over the hills of the golden west, to arise again for me but a few times on this old earth, I can see myself wending again and again into the garden of memories and gathering there those choice recollections haloed with the beauty of the years and the heritage of my year of service as your Grand Master.

It is not often that Grand Secretary's reports are introduced and closed with literary quotations but that of R.W. Bro. Parvin would not be characteristic without them. May we quote just one of the four that give the note to his spirit of service.

"Make good use of time, if thou valuest eternity. Yesterday cannot be recalled; tomorrow cannot be assured; today only is thine, which, if thou procrastinatest, thou lovest, which loss is lost forever."

And we cannot resist giving two more from his report as Grand Librarian. He literally lived his Library and the Library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa stands out prominently before the whole Masonic world:

"Books are keys to wisdom's treasury;  
Books are gates to lands of pleasure;  
Books are paths that upward lead;  
Books are friends. Come let us read".

Books are lighthouses built on the sea of time!

He was much impressed by the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins to the Library and by his address when there and says:

We think his talks touched the hearts of the people who were privileged to hear him. He said he believed in the principles of the American Constitution as firmly as he believed in the principles of

the British Constitution, that they were both the basis of liberty under the law of clean and lasting independence. Our Masons never listened to a finer talk than he gave us the night of April 29th when the Masonic Temple was filled to overflowing.

He recounts a pleasing episode of the evening in the reception accorded to Bro. Cutting, believed to be the only surviving member of the Light Brigade of Balaklava fame, and he concludes his report with something almost of prescience of the approaching end.

“A scrip on my back, and a staff in my hand,  
I march on in haste through an enemy’s land;  
The road may be rough, but it cannot be long;  
And I’ll smooth it with hope, and I’ll cheer it with song”.

A very full report was given upon the Sanitorium and Masonic Home and a campaign is being planned.

Able reports were presented on many other activities.

Under suspensions for un-Masonic conduct this quotation from George Eliot is used as a significant heading:

“That is the bitterest of all—to wear the yoke of our own wrongdoing.”

The tributes to the Immortal Dead are worthy. Let us quote:

“The soft memory of their virtues yet  
Linger, like twilight hues when the bright sun is set.  
Then weep not that their toils are over, weep not that their race is run.  
God grant we may rest as calmly when our work, like theirs, is done.”

“I have no wealth of gold to give away,  
But I can pledge to worthy causes these:  
I’ll give my strength, my days and hours of ease,  
My finest thought and courage when I may,  
And take some deed accomplished for my pay.  
I cannot offer much in silver fees,  
But I can serve when richer persons play,  
And with my presence fill some vacancies.”

Graphic sketches of elective Grand Officers are given—to each a page.

When we realize that the Fraternal Correspondence is again in the hands of M.W. Bro. Louis Block we know that we can sit down and say our grace with gratitude for a feast of reason and a flow of soul. From his introduction we take these two paragraphs:

It is most comforting to note how slowly but surely the Mason of today is becoming able to dispell from his mental skies the dark clouds of these misconceptions; how he is at last coming out into the Light; coming to have a clearer, a truer, a nobler and a grander idea of the true worth and value of the institution to which he has pledged his devotion.

The one thing above all others that has enabled him to do this, that has not only rescued his Masonry from a morbid monotony, but has saved and preserved it for him as a quickening, life-giving force, making it possible for him not only to endure to the end, but also to do well each day's work; has been this great study movement of which we are writing.

All our colleagues recognize him as *facile princeps*.

On behalf of Canada we thank him for his kindly and generous comments and encouragement. Of the address of 1923 he is pleased to say:

In a remarkable annual address Brother Ponton sets forth eloquently the aims and purposes of our institution.

Brother Ponton handles the pernicious side-orders that are now claiming affiliation with our institution in no gentle manner.

We trust his brethren will not only hear but heed.

Dealing with the subject of physical qualifications, Brother Ponton's utterances once again ring true to our highest Masonic ideals.

Of the report on the Condition of Masonry and R.W. Bro. Shanks he says:

A splendid report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry was presented by Brother Thomas Shanks. Brother Shanks pays his compliments to the Masons who wish to make a public parade of our institution.

Under Nebraska we cannot resist re-quoting a verse from the whole poem which Bro. Block reproduces:

"Comrades, Close Up:

"Let shoulders touch again in battle line,  
The Lord of all that sainted host is thine;  
Nor can the grave our bonds of knighthood break  
If what we do is for a brother's sake.  
Here pause a moment by this sacred dust,  
Then forth again, with God our only trust;  
Our best memorial for the loved one gone  
Will be the lives that bravely follow on."



Under Nova Scotia he quotes with approval the following:

"We are not concerned with bodies composed of men or women, or of both sexes, which do not claim to be Masonic in either ritual or practice, and do not make Masonry a test of membership or participation in their ceremonies; but, undoubtedly, a grave risk is incurred by brethren who enter into association with bodies making Masonry, in any way, a test of admission to membership, while admitting to membership persons who would not be qualified to join a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

His afterword is devoted largely to the getting at the meaning of the Ritual. Hear him:

The fact that we have so many "phonograph Masons," so many "mechanical Masons", is largely accounted for by the failure of the great majority of the craft to grasp and comprehend this great affirmation made at the very outset of the great symbolical journey in search of the Light. According to this first of all definitions of itself, Masonry is nothing if not figurative, or "speculative," as we are fond of putting it. Types, emblems and allegorical figures, What does that mean?

It means that Masonry is at bottom a thing of poetry, of drama, of symbol and allusion; a thing of thought, of inspiration, of exaltation; a thing, in its last analysis, not of the body, but of the soul.

Take for your subject some symbol, some sentence in the ritual. When you've actually gotten at work at it you'll be surprised at the interest you've stirred up in things Masonic. Your lodge will be just like Brother Kipling's "Mother Lodge" where

"—Man on man got talkin',  
Religion and the rest,  
An' every man comparin'  
Of the God 'e knew the best."

And he concludes thus worthily:

The real question is will we use them? Are we content to remain mere "Apron-Masons," "Badge-Masons," "Knife and fork-Masons" or "Phonograph-Masons," or are we in earnest in our desire to be something more?

Verily Louis Block thou dost cast a spell on those who share thoughts with thee!

Ernest R. Moore, Cedar Rapids, Grand Master.

**IRELAND**

The M.W. Lord Donoughmore, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Colonel Claude Cane, Deputy Grand Master.

The Stated Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Dublin on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1924. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master presided.

Among the notable Masons who have passed in this Jurisdiction during the last year, R.W. Bro. Cane recalls the following:

Death is always busy, unfortunately, with prominent Brethren in Ireland. That is, perhaps, because a man does not attain, as a rule, to eminence in our Order until a certain number of years have passed over his head. This year a good many notable Masons in all parts of Ireland have been called away. We have lost two Provincial Grand Masters. First, Lord Bandon, who has been P.G.M. of Munster for nearly fifty years. Of course during late years he has not been able to be very active in the performance of his duties, and the blow which fell upon him a few years ago, when his beautiful house was burned down, has made it still harder for him to perform those duties. We have found a very worthy substitute for him in the person of our Brother Arthur Frederick Sharman-Crawford, a brother of the Provincial Grand Master of Down (hear, hear). Another Provincial Grand Master in the person of Colonel James Campbell, P.G.M. of North Connaught, has been called away. He was a man. We who know him here in Dublin can testify to his charming personality, and what a good Mason he was in every way. I do not think that anybody can be more missed than Bro. Jozé will be in a great many places in Ireland. He was 33 years Grand Organist before failing health caused him to retire, and he did not long survive retirement from our Grand Lodge.

In Belfast, I should like to mention Bro. Johns because Bro. Johns, when he died, left legacies of £250 to each of our Masonic Jewels.

The Masonic jewels to which he refers are of course the great philanthropic institutions of which the Grand Lodge of Ireland is so proud.

Colonel Wallace who is described as one of the most notable and most popular men in the North of Ireland, had been appointed Junior Grand Warden.

R.W. Bro. Lord Rathdonnell who had been Senior Grand Warden for sixteen years having retired, his

portrait—that of a typical Irish gentleman in good Irish tweed, precedes the volume.

The Board of General Purposes was reorganized, the Dublin Lodges having increased during some years from 33 to 76 in number.

With regard to the Bi-Centenary Celebration of Grand Lodge which our own Grand Master is now attending, he says:

Next year, as you all know, the Grand Lodge of Ireland celebrates its bi-centenary. It is a very proud thing to think of, that this our Grand Lodge has lasted undisturbed and unshaken for so long a period as two full centuries. It is a claim which no other Grand Lodge in the world, not even the Grand Lodge of the mother of Masonry across the Channel can sustain, because in Ireland, with the exception of a trivial difference of opinion between a few lodges and those in authority which only lasted for a short time, just about one hundred years ago, we have remained an absolutely united Grand Lodge (applause). Long may we continue to do so, and from what I have seen in the past two years I think I may say that the spirit of unity in Masonry over the whole of Ireland was never stronger, if as strong as it is to-day.

It is to be accompanied by religious services as to which he says:

The Dean of St. Patrick's has very kindly told me that we can have the Cathedral for this service practically whenever we ask for it. (applause). Off course I need hardly say that any Masonic celebrations without rendering thanks and praise to the Great Architect of the Universe are quite unthinkable.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been asked to accept the office of Past Senior Grand Warden. In connection with this event and of him and his great work he says:

I am rather afraid, however, we shall find great difficulty in getting him to come here to be duly installed, as we all should like to have him, because you may have seen in the newspapers that the Prince of Wales is due very shortly to sail on another of his ambassadorial tours of the world, first to South Africa, and afterwards to the Argentine. These ambassadorial tours, as you all know, have been the greatest success in cementing the Empire together, and if he could only be induced to come and make one to Ireland, and be invested in this Hall, I believe that things would be a great deal happier and a great deal better even than they are now. We as Masons, as you know, are good and law-abiding citizens in whichever of the Irish States we may find ourselves living. We in Dublin are of the Free State, and our Northern Brethren are of Northern Ireland, but though we are good citizens of our respective States we have not lost sight of the duty of loyalty which we owe to the Crown. (applause.)

17 new Lodges were constituted last year.

The Grand Master of New Zealand had been a welcome visitor.

With regard to the Restoration Fund he gives this encouraging report:

A great many of the Provinces who suffered damage put their own shoulders to the wheel, and were, I will not say too proud, but were too public spirited to come and make any demand upon the fund at all.

The Lodge, Chapter and Preceptory subscriptions to the Boys' School and Girls' School and the Jubilee Annuity Fund are reported as having fallen off but not the individual gifts or the legacies and he appeals thus to the Lodges to renew their duty in this regard:

I think, brethren, and I speak more especially to the new Masters who are just entering upon their term of office, of whom, I have no doubt, there are a great many in this room, that you ought to make some effort to see that this ebb tide is, at any rate, stemmed. I should like to see it flowing again.

The Schools have been doing successful work, as is indicated in the following:

The Schools, of course, have done well, as they always do, in their examinations and scholastic work. They have also done well in the field of games and sports, which I always like to see encouraged in any school. The Boys' School, perhaps, did not achieve quite the success that they have done in the past in football and cricket, but you cannot be always winning, other people must have a turn sometimes. But our boys upheld their reputation. Games and athletics have received a great impetus in the past year in the Girls' School, a thing which is all to the good.

A new Lodge has been constituted in Cork.

Germany also has been the scene of Irish activity as witness the following:

There was an interesting gathering in Cologne, in June, one that may be accurately termed historical, when the first British Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated in that ancient city, which has been the scene of so many stirring events. The new Lodge which is attached to the First King's Dragoon Guards, is designated the Waterloo Lodge, No. 571, under the Irish Constitution. The formation of the new Lodge was a matter of considerable interest to many other Lodges associated with the Army, and they marked their interest in practical form, as quite a number of happily conceived presentations were made.



The St. David's Lodge: No. 36, S.C. (Edinburgh) presented a set of three carved brass-mounted candlesticks, made from oak taken from the gallery of St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, in the reign of King James I.

From Antrim our Canadian friend, R.W. Bro. J. H. Sterling well known to us all, writes:

"To commemorate the work and honour the memory of our late R.W. Bro. Martin H. Turnbull, Deputy Grand Master of this Province, a fund amounting to about £775 has been raised. Further contributions are expected before 31st December, when the lists will be closed. The total will be distributed among the charities of our Order, for which Bro. Turnbull laboured unremittingly.

The Lodges in this Province now number 187.

From the report on Down we take this extract:

I would also like to record a most pleasing function which took place at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Newry. R.W. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of Down, after serving the Province for a period of 50 years, continuously, as Provincial Grand Chaplain, was made the recipient of an Address expressive of the high regard in which he is held by his Brethren, and a Loving Cup as a memento.

From Munster this is of interest:

Nearly all the Lodges throughout the Province are also meeting regularly, and even the Lodges in the west whose premises have been destroyed, have obtained temporary premises, so that they can hold their meetings until such time as they will have their original premises restored.

All claims made against the Free State for compensation for premises and furniture, etc., destroyed have now been judicated on, and agreements have been arrived at as to amounts to be paid, although in all cases the amounts claimed have been reduced, however with the financial assistance promised by the Grand Master Restoration Fund Committee, it is hoped that all the Lodge premises destroyed will be restored during the coming year.

Referring to a great Masonic Service held in the Cathedral at Cork, the Bishop of Ossory being the preacher, he says:

The Cathedral was filled to its utmost capacity, over a thousand persons being present. The Offertory collected is to be divided equally between the three great Masonic Charities.

From North Munster comes this report:

One of our Lodges, which met under great difficulty during the past few years, having been deprived of its premises, has now been

able to secure rooms in which to meet. Unfortunately, all its furniture and regalia are beyond recovery. The other Lodges in the Province are giving it a helping hand, but we hope soon to obtain a grant from the Grand Master's Restoration Fund, which will enable it to provide the necessary materials to carry on the good work of nearly a century.

### The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Africa report:

I am pleased to say that since my last Report Irish Freemasonry in this part of the world is looking up again.

Candidates are coming forward in numbers which are very satisfactory; moreover, we are very careful whom we admit into the Order.

There are four Lodges in New Zealand and with regard to them and the Brethren of the other Lodges it is said that all harmony prevails:

I am pleased to report the existence of a very harmonious relationship amongst the four Constitutions working in N.Z. I have experienced the fullest courtesy and hospitality from all both in Auckland and elsewhere, and in the interests of the Craft in general trust same may long continue.

With regard to the examination of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School the report says:

Ninety per cent. of our Boys examined were successful, while the successes for the Free State in the same Grades were Fifty-two per cent.

During the year Five boys, were successful in obtaining Bank Clerkships.

There are now 105 Pupils on the roll of the Girls' School, 102 on the roll of the Boys' School.

Canada is represented in Ireland by R.W. Bro. Mr. Justice Fitzgibbon and our own M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone represents Ireland here.

The total receipts for the year amount to £9514 sterling.

M.W. Brother Lord Donoughmore, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Henry C. Shellard, Dublin, Grand Secretary.

**KANSAS**

Elmer F. Strain, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 78,041.

Net gain 2,776.

The very latest Proceedings that come within this reviewer's ken are always from Kansas and this is the first Grand Jurisdiction of 1925 which we have had the privilege of reviewing.

The next Grand Lodge will be held at Topeka 24th February, 1926.

A picture of M.W. Bro. Strain shows the strong, vigorous and direct man who penned the extracts from the annual address which we have selected for quotation.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Wichita 25th February, 1925. The invocation was very striking, two thoughts being selected from the opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain:

Touch our hearts with Thy compassion that we may truly sympathize with those who are bereaved, especially the widow and orphan. Grant us patience for problems of difficulty and wisdom in periods of doubt.

May no person be caused to stumble and no human interest disregarded.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters declined to be relegated to the past and are very active in the living present as attested by their presence.

Canada was represented by W. Bro. Hubert H. Hubbard. Kansas is represented in Canada by R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer.

The Grand Master spoke with an earnestness and definiteness which we do not often find in official utterances and we choose the following from the many pages covered by his address:

It is well for us, as we come to the higher places on the trail of life, to pause and look backward; to see where we have been walking, and note the beauty spots we could not see in passing; to rejoice at the triumphs over evil and error; to regret taking the wrong fork of the trail a while back when we so well knew the right one; and to gather inspiration for the effort before us, no matter where the road may lead.

The failure of the tribes of earth's history is directly traceable to human weakness and disobedience of God's law and direction.

In social, civic, state and national life the importance of the individual act and influence was never so great as now. Man is as a swift running stream, tossed thither and yon, not knowing where or why. Would that they might be led to still water and deep thinking.

Our structure is laid upon solid rock, and out of the saneness of the past we must find the solution of the future.

In state and nation the chief executive lays out a suggested program at the beginning of his term. Our Grand Master is installed in the closing hours with no opportunity to speak to his field men of his plans to carry on, and goes out to a leadership, the demands of which, if conscientiously construed, are almost beyond the possibility of any business man's life. Commendation or condemnation will scarcely affect the work of the closing year. Co-operation, appreciation, realization of responsibility, and well directed aggression on the part of lodge officers here assembled will make the new year properly productive.

Every member of our Home Family, barring two or three among the older, have given their whole-hearted support to the effort to provide that peace and comfort, spirit and discipline of a great family.

It is a genuine pleasure to report that this wonderfully practical work of Masonry is being well and faithfully done. The Home staff are worthy of our most sincere and thankful consideration.

Men are human but often err so inhumanly, and with such apparent design, that forgiveness in advance of penitence seems ill advised. There is considerable evidence of extraneous matters being brought into our lodges to align the members, break its helpful fellowship, and destroy its peace and harmony. Masters should appreciate their responsibility in this direction, but many do not, or have not the tact or strength to hold the symbolic imposter outside.

Lodge trials have given the Grand Master and his family great trouble during the year and we admire his plain speaking. The Committee afterwards passed upon this subject and gave careful attention to the appeals.

The sorrow of the year's work has been our lodge trials. Brethren who have been cited for wrong doing, have without exception, hired counselors to set up smoke screens, and work upon the membership before and at the trial.

All this in the face of the charge to every Master Mason that the preservation of the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied must be his constant care.

Our trial system is not suited to our present conditions and should be amended.

As to collective balloting he said:



In our larger lodges there is a real need of clothing the Master with some discretionary authority in the matter of collective balloting.

No where in the United States Jurisdictions have we seen the question of *physical qualifications* more ably and more fully treated, and as the sentiments accorded with the decisions of our own Grand Lodge and of this reviewer's advocacy while Grand Master, we reprint the page:

This delicate question has been twice presented during the year as a heart cry of men who mayhap could not well work in stone and in timber, in brass and in iron, but whose qualifications of heart and mind abundantly fitted them for such work as we do. They were also making their mark in the quarries of business and professional life.

The answers given of course were in accord with the action of this Grand Lodge. Shall we continue to say to those who would build with us, depart for we ourselves will build the Temple, having no cause except the loss of a finger or a toe? Shall he who may have been torn by the terrors of war and rebuilt by the surgeons' science and art be denied a part in this wonderful work if he can comply with all necessary requirements? Shall we still literally construe a rule laid down by an operative craft as necessary to their profession? Or shall we not read the symbolism that this writing should carry to a speculative science founded upon their art? Read it as the scholars read the Bible, in the light of the times and conditions prevailing when written. Is it not true that our real qualifications are of the head and heart? That we build manhood and character not attempting to have a part in the architectural effort of the business world? That the vital designs are on the spiritual Trestle Board?

In our conservatism do we shudder at the boggy of a wave of petitions from those who have suffered injury to the body, forgetting the safeguard of the ballot? Are we not frightened at the thought of physical imperfection, and unmindful of the moral derelict? Are we fair to our Kansas manhood in the light of our neighbor's law?

The funeral service is commented on as too long, and authoritative suggestion as to abridgement is desirable.

As to the Correspondence Report the G.M. says:

Especial attention of the Lodges is directed to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, to be found in the Proceedings. It contains a digest of the best thought of the world upon the important things of Masonry. Find a place in your regular order of business and give these interesting opinions to the brethren in small but regular doses.

He denounces the chain letter and consigns it to the waste paper basket.

His conclusion may be echoed by many a Grand Master:

The sacrifices, trials, mental and bodily fatigue, have been entirely compensated in the joy of the service. The hope that I might contribute something to the right thinking of the Craft, and the kindly encouraging words of the brethren have been the inspiration.

If the Grand Architect of Heaven and earth can find that the work in His vineyard has been advanced in the least, it is enough.

The Grand Secretary's report is one of the most comprehensive we have read.

With regard to the history of Lodges he says:

Once more the attention of the lodges is called to the importance of preparing an historical sketch of their lodge. This sketch should deal very largely with the surroundings at the time the lodge was first organized.

In addition to this lodges should furnish photographs not only of their present quarters, but of every building in which their lodge has met wherever it is possible to obtain same.

Every lodge should appoint a special committee to look after this work, confining the membership to one brother only, so that the work could be carried on without taking up the time of consulting any of the other members.

The McFarland Library has now passed definitely into the possession and care of Grand Lodge and we congratulate our Brethren of Kansas upon the possession of nearly 6,000 books from this source, to which are to be added other contributions. There is also a fine Museum.

Bro. Hopkins was introduced by the Grand Master and delivered an oration on:

### **The Trusteeship of a Master Mason**

The process of accomplishment is divided into three parts: thought, resolution to do, and action conformable thereto.

From the many thoughtful pages covered by this address we take the following:

Every law upon the statute books was once a thought in some man's brain. No great reform was ever inaugurated except that some thinker blazed the way. There never was a time in the history of the world when so much depended upon right thinking as today. One of the greatest aids to success is to have one's thoughts directed in the right channel. One's associates and surroundings have largely to do with what he thinks and does.

"Might of the roaring boiler,  
 Force of the engine's thrust,  
 Strength of the sweating toiler,  
 Always in these we trust;  
 But back of them stands the thinker  
 The thinker who drives things through;  
 Back of the job the dreamer  
 Who's making the dream come true."

"For every day Opportunity stands at your door  
 And bids you wake, and rise and fight and win.  
 Wail not for perished chances passed away!  
 Weep not for golden ages on the wane!  
 Each night Opportunity burns the records of the day.  
 At sunrise every soul is born again."

A chaotic world must be reorganized. We should have men of foresight and vision.

"Give us men to match our mountains;  
 Give us men to match our plains;  
 Men with empires in their bosoms  
 And new eras in their brains."

These are pioneer days, and like the pioneer we must go out and meet new and changing conditions.

W. Bro. McCullough then read an address showing great study and erudition on Masonic Traditions, introduced by this verse:

" . . . . Nothing stands alone,  
 The chain holds on, and where it ends, unknown."

This special address is directed to be delivered at all District meetings and in all Lodges. Very interesting indeed and educative is the distinction made between "Tradition," "Legend" and "Myth" which we share with our Brethren.

A Tradition is defined to be "the transmission of knowledge opinions, doctrines, customs, practices, from generation to generation, originally by word of mouth and by example, and afterward embodied in literature or, continuing to be unwritten, to have the force of actual fact."

A Legend is "a narrative, based on traditions, with some intermixture of fact, springing up among a people unconsciously and embodying a popular belief."

A Myth is a creature of the imagination, "a narrative presented as historically true, but being without any basis of fact."

Now, all these are present in Freemasonry, and all rightly belong. But each must be considered in its right relation, else there is misconception both of the history and the philosophy of the Fraternity.

The whole fabric of ritualism would be shorn of worth if divested of this legendary matter.

The Committee on Necrology quotes:

“Let me deal as I journey with foeman and friend  
In a way that no man can assail,  
And find nothing but peace at the roadway’s last bend,  
When I come to the end of the trail.”

A very busy and useful Committee is that on Chartered Lodges which Committee deals directly with the Secretaries. They say:

The high standing of the historical records of the Grand Lodge, which has required almost one-third of a century to build up, can only be maintained through correct annual reports from the lodges, and in order to have these reports in that form it necessarily follows that all imperfect ones must be returned to the Secretaries for correction. In doing this the Grand Secretary is not exacting or technical, but is only performing the duties which devolve upon him as the custodian of the records of this Grand Lodge, and he should therefore receive the hearty co-operation and assistance not only of the Secretaries, but of the Masters, and other members of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence had a difficult task. One sentence suggests a problem not unknown here and in other Jurisdictions. In one case they set aside a verdict of acquittal and ordered a new trial:

The right of appeal from a verdict of acquittal given by Masonic Law in this jurisdiction is something of an anomaly and must have been adopted having in view the necessity for the exercise of drastic action when required.

R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, again writes the Correspondence Report saying in his introduction:

In the following report the writer has endeavored as far as possible to withhold comment, preferring to quote liberally from Grand Masters’ addresses, orations and the reports of standing and special committees. In several instances however, it was necessary to “back fire” in order to make ourselves plain and not be misunderstood in dealing with important matters before some of the Grand Lodges.

Much attention is naturally given by him to the trouble with New Hampshire with regard to the right of visitation claimed by Kansas. Space only permits the citation of two paragraphs from his able argument:



A number of reviewers used as a defense that visitation was not a right but simply an act of courtesy. This statement carries with it an admission of a lack of knowledge as to what the Landmarks are, and especially the one referring to the right of visitation. With but very few exceptions there is not a single compilation of the Landmarks of Freemasonry by Masonic scholars which does not contain this particular Landmark, which specifically provides that it is the right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge, EXCEPT when such visit is likely to disturb the harmony of the lodge.

Our Grand Lodge, as a sovereign and independent body, has exercised its right in issuing this particular form of documentary evidence and in the recognized comity between Grand Lodges we are entitled to full faith and credit to our acts in the matter.

Under the heading of "On Dit" he quotes largely from Manitoba:

Our Brethren of the United States of America are outstanding in their benevolence, lavish in their hospitality and strong for many of the best traditions of our Craft, but apparently inclined to follow "strange gods."

Pseudo-Masonry ranging from the "Kindergarten De Molay" to "Playgrounds" for our grown-up boys. Branching off from these again we find Masonic Clubs, one of which is erecting an hotel in Philadelphia, while another club announces its intention to build an hotel in New York. In addition to all this hodge-podge there are side-orders for the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons, until the parent body begins to look like a procupine.

As chips thrown into the stream indicate which way the current sets so comments in many cases show the trend of thought on certain subjects.

There is an ever increasing organization of new societies that are endeavoring to hitch their handsleds to the Masonic bobsled.

Masonic clubs are all the rage now, so if you cannot spring a new side-order start a club.

While doubtless good in "spots" still it is very evident that these side-issues all tend to lower the dignity of Masonry and blur the vision of our ideals, while at the same time they scatter our Masonic force by destroying its solidarity.

British Columbia gives him the following:

The Grand Secretary in submitting his report is pleased to say that he has received annual returns from all the lodges, and all dues and fees have been paid. This statement, however, is followed up with the statement that this condition was only brought about through prayers, threats and entreaties. We know just what of means from our own experience.

California having been asked to endorse another new Organization called Jean d'Arc the Grand Master says:

Irrespective of how praiseworthy this movement may be and however helpful its principles may prove—and I believe all of this

can be said of it—yet I believe there is a serious question of its propriety, for there are, in my judgment, already too many activities inclined to divert the attention of our children from their school work and other duties.

This also is interesting as rare avoirdupois:

The Grand Master had the pleasure of raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason what he terms “the biggest Mason in the world”. This candidate is eight feet, nine and one quarter inches tall and weights five hundred and sixteen pounds. It certainly was an occasion and we doubt not this distinguished brother was honored with a large attendance.

Canada is well reviewed. Our colleague says of us:

Veteran Masons, that is those who attended fifty years or more as members of the Craft were extended formal recognition.

The writer of this report distinctly calls to mind his personal acquaintance many years ago with another distinguished scholar in Canada, M.W. Brother J. Ross Robertson. A wonderful student, a great adviser and one who upheld the Landmarks and Traditions of the fathers. Now that M.W. Henry Robertson has passed away there are only left the happy reflections of a well spent life, and we have no doubt they will live in the hearts of the brethren for many years to come.

He approves of Grand Master Drope’s remarks on Masonic education and also his rebukes regarding mixed funerals. He cites also this sentence of cheery optimism:

Let us be cheerful, and stoutly refuse to look upon the dark side of life. World conditions must change for the better. Let us in the meantime keep our temper, preserve our faith, cultivate the habit of smiling and give up the habit of despairing.

As to our Grand Secretary, and that particular body of officers does not receive sufficiently often words of praise, he says:

The Grand Secretary’s report is again complete in every particular.

The reports on the Condition of Masonry and on Correspondence are praised and quoted thus:

How many of these inquirers have ever had an opportunity of reading the Grand Lodge proceedings? Our committee labor and bring forth elaborate reports and reviews which should not be reserved for the circumscribed audience composed exclusively of Grand Lodge membership. The review of Fraternal Correspondence is too rich a store house to be locked up from the anxious searchers for Masonic knowledge. It would be well to encourage “Grand Lodge” nights when the annual proceedings would be taken as the text book for the evening.

Under England we learn that the membership from his calculation is about 320,000 and that the net gain last year was 70,000.

Caution is urged on Secretaries and Almoners as to imposters posing as poor and distressed Freemasons.

Our colleague comments upon the recorded fact that a special Communication of Massachusetts was opened in Alexandria, Virginia, at the laying of the Corner-stone and adds: "We are a little old fashioned in these particulars and just wonder. Possibly this is one of the so-called progressive ideas of the day." But see Virginia's Review where all is explained.

Quebec is a fruitful field for all reviewers. We clip this comment:

"Sometimes I go apart and make inquiry with myself as to whether I have comprehended the meaning of Charity. I come out of that examination room with grave misgivings. Are we really understanding the deeper aspects of our outstanding characteristic?"

Some interesting statistics are given in the appendix as the result of computations by Grand Secretary Wilson as follows:

Total Membership U.S.A.	—Grand Lodge,	2,971,339
	Grand Chapter,	877,413
	Grand Council,	312,797
	Grand Com'y,	426,578.

Canada's figures are given as:

Grand Lodge,	102,096
Grand Chapter	24,547
Grand Council	276
Grand Com'y	11,573

M.W. Charles A. Loucks, Lakin, Grand Master.

R.W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

## KENTUCKY

M.W. Alpheus E. Orton, Grand Master.

Membership 72,603. Apparent gain 1,577.

The Proceedings handsomely bound are printed in the Masonic Home Printing Office. Many portraits of Grand Lodge Officers including the new Grand Master, adorn the volume.

From the biography of M.W. Bro. Orton we take the following eulogy:

The very spirit of Freemasonry, so manifest in the Grand East, spread its influence to the entire gathering.

To the writer's belief, founded on years of friendship and observation, our brother strives as hard as mortal can, to observe and comply with the Golden Rule in his conduct and dealings with his fellowmen.

With confidence it can be said that in the years to come the memories of the official year can but strengthen and season the ties between our distinguished brother and the brethren of the Craft.

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Louisville, October 21st, 1924.

Twenty-five Past Grand Masters were present, the record for this year of the gallant and royal line of the Rulers of the Craft.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of the roster of membership and of its calibre as follows:

The character of our membership is the most important element of our strength, and to its purity we should apply our zeal.

My ambition for every Kentucky Mason is that he may catch the real vision of Masonry; the vision of service and usefulness.

- To you, my brethren, who have labored year after year in this Grand Lodge, and by your earnest efforts erected this wonderful edifice, may I express the hope that this communication may be a means of adding another link in that chain that binds us in the service of humanity; and may I ask for your wise counsel and guidance.

Eight Corner-stones were laid by Grand Lodge and others by delegated authority. Four Dispensations were refused on requests to hold Masonic Burial Services over deceased Brothers some time after burial. In each case a Lodge of Sorrow was recommended.

Four applications to appear in Masonic Regalia and participate in pageant or patriotic procession celebrating Defence Day, etc., were refused.

Our District Deputy System appeals to the Grand Master and he says:

There were numbers of visitors present at each lodge visited. from the nearby lodges, making the visits more of a district meeting,



and I sincerely trust the day is not far distant when Kentucky may be divided into districts, each having its own Grand Deputy. Then the Grand Master may come in contact with the representatives from each subordinate lodge in the State at these district meetings.

Complaint having been made against a member who was using Masonry in a mercenary way, the Grand Master took the matter up immediately and saw that he discontinued his practices and erased the Masonic emblems from his automobile.

The Million Dollar Committee was praised for its energetic work on behalf of the new Widows' and Orphans' Home, plans for which have been approved and a site purchased. There are now also in operation in Kentucky the Old Masons' Home, The Tyler Masonic Home and the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home where 439 boys and girls are being developed into useful citizens, and still Kentucky is not satisfied but wants something even better. Bravo Brethren, well done!

The Grand Master approves of the Order of De Molay.

He rules with regard to Suspensions that "no communication or notice is official without the proper signature of someone in authority."

He thinks that the resignation of a trustee should go to the Chairman of the Board and not to the Lodge and says:

The Lodge cannot accept the resignation of one of the Trustees, and therefore it is not the duty of the Master to call an election for filling such vacancy.

He concludes with this farewell:

To have had a part in this great work will be, to me, a treasured memory. That our membership in Kentucky may continue to march in the front ranks of accomplishment, with other forces for good, is my fondest hope.

The Committee on the Hospital, Home and Farm call attention to the need of attention on the part of the Lodges to the regulations, where Lodges endeavoured to secure admission to the benefits and advantages of the Craft without proper preliminaries having been observed. They call a spade a spade by speaking of this as "flagrant ignoring of the laws".

The Committee on Necrology print many poems among them that of which the following is the last verse:

And where is the harbor whence they sail,  
Under the blue above?  
The harbor is found in the hearts of men;  
The ships are their words of love.

A fine musical and dramatic entertainment was given by the children of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, to the members of Grand Lodge.

126 acres of land near St. Matthews have been purchased for the new buildings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence review the Grand Master's decisions, upholding most of them.

With regard to submitting evidence at Masonic trial by producing transcript from the Circuit Criminal Court the Committee say:

The Grand Master's decision is correct, but we would qualify his words by stating that on this evidence the lodge is not bound by the verdict in the Circuit Court, and it is the sole judge of the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and what penalty should be inflicted.

Upon the presentation of a basket of flowers to the new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Grundy, he gave them a taste of his quality extemporarily as follows:

These beautiful flowers are nature's jewels, and are emblematic of all that is pure, sweet, grand and lovely. The modesty of the violet should teach us a lesson of humility, the greatest of all the graces; the beauty and the fragrance of the rose has a lesson for us also, that we should scatter sunshine and good deeds all around us; and the purity of the lily is emblematic of the life we should lead, pure in purpose and high in achievements. In the "Garden of the Soul" there are gorgeous flowers in one part of the garden, and there is a place reserved for the fern, one is as necessary to its completion as the other. The blooming flowers require the sunshine while the fern likes the shade.

In Kentucky the roll call (as in many other Jurisdictions) is called at the end of the gathering as well as at the beginning.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the experienced charge of M.W. William W. Clarke, P.G.M., whose portrait precedes the review and of whom his biographer adds this foot note:

Trusted, tried and true, he has filled this important position for years with satisfaction to our Grand Lodge, and great credit to himself.

All through the review we find allusions to the K.K. K. and under Arizona our colleague says:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, seemed to think a decision by Grand Lodge was not necessary. Reporting thereon, it said, simply: "We approve the actions of the Grand Master with reference to the Ku Klux Klan." Wise committee!

Canada's review is delightful, indeed we have only met one word and that of gentle criticism in all the Jurisdictions. I trust we may not become the spoiled boy of the Craft but will bear our honours meekly and responsibly. We have these words of encouragement from our colleague:

The address of the Grand Master was scholarly. Did space permit, we would quote all of it. We quote much from it.

Again, under the sub-title "Minute Made Masons," he appropriately said:

"There is too much rushing and grouping and teaming in Degree Work. There is nothing worse than perfunctory Degree grinding."

From the excellent report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry we make this excerpt:

"Society today is honeycombed with organizations that are alive to the practical demands of the times and that are ministering in numerous ways to the needs of various classes of people."

With regard to our Fraternal Correspondence he says:

The report on Correspondence is by several brothers. It is admirable in every respect.

Kentucky, communication of 1921, 1922, is among the Grand Lodges whose proceedings are interestingly reviewed.

The reviews of Kentucky are signed "R. C. B.," but we have not been able to identify the brother by his full name. That is not fair. The reviews are too good to appear semi-anonymously.

Well deserved praise for R.W. Bro. Blaggrave who volunteered his good work to relieve another's distress.

Massachusetts had an eloquent and humorous Chinese Brother who wound up his speech on the English and Masonic tongue as follows:

So I wrote my maiden letter to my Scotch teacher, and winding up, very affectionately, I used the word "can," rather than "preserve," when I should have said, "May the Lord preserve you."

### Grand Master Ferrell's address receives praise:

His address was not only interesting throughout, but deeply thoughtful, with just a touch of humor here and there.

K.K.K. receives sometimes sympathetic treatment and must have at least the elements of good thoughts wrongly applied, for our experienced reviewer says under Montana:

Brother Hepner, in his conclusion, and much better than we have above, and with reference to another institution, presents the thought that was in our own mind. Said he:

The veiled pretense of the K. K. K. as a Masonic entity or furthered by the Fraternity has evoked many passionate protests of Grand Lodges.

Let us not be hasty in its condemnation entirely. Beyond doubt, back of its standards are real ideals having in purpose higher motives of patriotism.

The Shriners too get an occasional ovation as under Prince Edward Island we find:

He thus happily sums up—no, that isn't the term—let's say characterizes the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, after commending their laudable endeavors in behalf of crippled and deformed children:

Men are a' jist grown up boys,  
Fu' o' pranks and ither joys,  
Happy always makin' noise  
When business sets them free.

We cannot resist again reproducing as we did two years ago, this verse from Rhode Island:

"To each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules,  
And each must make, e'er time be flown,  
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

Following the review are many pages of reports upon the various Homes of Kentucky showing their importance and the care evidenced in their management.

M.W. Bro. H. M. Grundy, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville, Grand Secretary.



**LOUISIANA**

Prentiss B. Carter, Grand Master.

Membership 34,497. Gain 1283.

It is a matter of regret that through an accident I did not receive in time for full review the Proceedings of Louisiana for 1925. I will have a double report for 1926. I regret this the more because of their most kindly and generous references in the review of Correspondence to M.W. Bro. Drope, R.W. Bro. Shanks and myself. We do indeed appreciate the right hand of fellowship so warmly extended by the R.W. the Grand Secretary and Grand Correspondent, John A. Davilla, an old friend. The inset of the stereoscopic portrait of the laying of the corner-stone of the Louisiana Masonic Orphans' Home in June last is indeed a thing of beauty and a joy forever both in the artistic execution and in the great philanthropic object which it commemorates.

R.W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, of Toronto, represents Louisiana with us and R.W. Bro. N. B. Null represents Canada in Louisiana.

The endorsement on the Proceedings is both directly positive and suggestively negative. It reads thus: "The property of the Lodge, *not the officers.*"

The welcome accorded to our Brethren from Manitoba, Canada, touches our hearts.

Our most cordial greetings to our Southern Brethren.

Haney B. Conner, St. Joseph, M.W. Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, R.W. Grand Secretary.

**MAINE**

M.W. Albert M. Spear, Grand Master.

Membership 42,556. Net gain 826.

A special Communication of Sorrow was held at Sabattus for conducting the funeral services of the Senior Past P.G.M. M.W. Bro. Sleeper, May 6th, 1923.

On September 20th, 1923, another special Communication of Sorrow was held for conducting the funeral services of M.W. Brother E. B. Mallet.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, May 6th, 1924. At the opening of the Proceedings a very fraternal and cordial letter from R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, Grand Representative of Maine in Canada, was read, applauded and voted that it be made a part of the records of this Communication. Among many other good things R.W. Bro. Way said:

After years of service in the quarries of Masonry, I am more than ever satisfied that the science possesses those attributes which if generally accepted by the World, and lived up to by its devotees would prove the solution of all our problems.

The injunction "Let not your Masonry be the Masonry of the multitude," should be our aim, and then the influence of this great Brotherhood will prove an insurmountable barrier to all the forces of darkness.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada's Grand Representative did not appear with his confrères.

The Grand Master in his address describes how he took ample opportunities to meet and mingle with the leaders from every State in the American Jurisdictions and not a few from Foreign Countries, and he says:

Those meetings were composed not only of the most influential masons but largely of the most distinguished citizens from nearly every state. As never before I am impressed with the dignity, the influence and the power of Masonry. We measure all things by contrast.

Apart from ritual and usages there are, he said, other essentials to which he refers as follows :

But there is another side to Masonry. In later years that side has begun to grow. Especially is this true during and since the World War. It has opened up to the future new visions of duty, new fields of activity, and proved to the world that service, not display, was the true mission of life.

In addition to the above method, which I deem one of the essentials, the lodges should be supplied with literature as is now being done by the Masonic Service Association of the United States. The quality and convenience of this literature is excellent and well adapted to the use of the lodges.

He refers to a never-to-be-forgotten meeting in Portland when your reviewer, then Grand Master, enjoyed Maine hospitality, as follows :

The exercises of Wednesday afternoon were well calculated to inspire sentiments of enthusiasm and fraternity and good will. M.W. William N. Ponton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, the last of three eloquent speakers, had just finished a notable and inspiring address and had resumed his seat with the approval of deafening applause, which had scarcely died away, when the Grand Secretary arose and announced with trembling voice the death of Past Grand Master Sleeper.

With regard to "improper solicitation" he says:

There is too much soliciting, due perhaps to a commendable, yet improvident zeal which must be discouraged, if the high standing of Masonry is to be preserved.

With reference to the detailed and topical reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, he says:

It will be seen by a perusal of their reports that their contents contain little, if any, information worth printing. About all the variations will be found in the form of expression. I moreover venture the statement that scarcely any of these voluminous reports are read by anyone outside the members of the District to which the report relates; and then as a matter of local pride to discover how complimentary the report of the visiting officer may have been regarding their exemplification of the work.

From these reports we get no constructive information.

Are our D.D.G.M.'s open to the same criticism?

With regard to the signs of the times and Masonic equilibrium he says:

As I read the times, Masonry is destined to meet in the future problems more or less new and complex. It is charged that spirit of dishonesty pervades the people; that an honest day's work for an honest day's pay is the exception rather than the rule; and that partly is true, that this attitude has organized sanction, and is undermining the manhood and womanhood of the land, that official life is regarded, by many, as a licensed privilege to despoil the state. To the extent these complaints are true, the voice of Masonry speaks in vital opposition.

Masonry means honesty. Masonry means truth. Masonry means justice. Masonry means morality. Masonry means obedience to law.

Fraternal Correspondence is thus reported by the Grand Secretary:

Bro. Ashley A. Smith presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren of the state as possible, and in the meetings of the lodges when no degree work was waiting, so that all the brethren may obtain better understanding of our inter-state relations, and the Grand Lodge so voted.

The Committee on the doings of Grand Officers refer among other matters to the following in which Maine is not alone:

We deplore the necessity of six Masonic trials having been held, but commend the attitude of those who have had the courage of their convictions in bringing to trial violators of our laws and customs. That two of the trials arose from the admission of candidates previously rejected, but not so stated in the petitions, emphasizes the wisdom of the adoption of the questionnaire.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals recommended that following an acquittal by a Lodge a Mason accused of unmasonic conduct of which details are given, should be restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, but by a vote of Grand Lodge the Committee was not upheld and their recommendation was not adopted, and on motion it was almost unanimously voted that the accused "be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry." This reversal of the Investigation Committee is certainly most unusual.

Canada has as Grand Representative Bro. Wilmer J. Dorman, of Gardiner.



Correspondence review is in the hands of R.W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith, whose introduction and whose reports are full of suggestions and vitality. The following will give some idea of his style:

"We are to overcome the Ape and strive after the Angels."

This old Icelandic story finds its counterpart in all the ancient writings of the world. They all point the same truth and enforce the same lesson which is that of our Masonic Order.

"Our acts our angels are for good or ill,  
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still."

A man's evil deeds follow him and thwart and hinder him, and he attributes them to some evil, malignant spirit, like the man in the legend, but a man's worst enemy is ever himself, and his greatest battle is always fought on the silent arena of his own soul. The Court of Eternal Justice is always in session, and hands down its verdict every day to each of us. "Now, tell me about your church," the Bishop says. And Manson replies very simply: "I am afraid you may not consider it an altogether substantial concern. It has to be seen in a certain way, under certain conditions. Some people never see it at all. You must understand this is no pile of stones and unmeaning timber. It is a living thing. When you enter it you hear a sound—a sound as of some mighty poem chanted. Listen long enough, and you will learn that it is made up of the beating of human hearts, of the nameless music of men's souls. My church is the work of no ordinary builder. It is yet building and built upon."

Canada is generously and genially reviewed and we thank our colleague for his friendly words, of which the following are selected:

The galaxy of real Masonic effulgence contributed to the impressiveness of the opening ceremonies and later in the session added words of inspiring counsel and brilliant eloquence to the assembled brethren.

So replete is this address with vital and quotable sentences that is is the despair of this reviewer. Sometimes a keen epigram, barbed and feathered like an arrow, or an apt quotation from a wide range of poetry, or again a full rounded period of eloquence; altogether it is one of the masterpieces of the year.

In the course of his report he makes mention of his visit to various other Grand Jurisdictions, and we are glad and even proud to come across the Grand Lodge of Maine among the number and to find him saying that he found a gratifying and

cordial welcome, and "realized as never before, of what fine calibre and character, how near in kinship and in aim, how congenial in spirit, how warmly fraternal are these virile Masons, our allies and neighbors, who have formed an everlasting compact with us to pitch our tents hereafter in the pleasant plains of peace." That's what he found in the United States and in Maine, and it is exactly what we saw in his face and heard in his words, as the representative of the Grand Lodge, and lodges of Canada. May the spirit of "hands across the border," and American hearts that beat as one, never grow less, but wax and augment with unrolling years.

We notice in his address that the author of the fraternal correspondence, R.W. Brother Brown has resigned, and that the burden has been placed upon several shoulders under the direction of W. Bro. R. C. Blgrave, who writes our Maine report for Canada this year.

Maine is liberally and favorably reviewed in nearly four pages of this report. Strong and intelligent comment is made, a variety of well selected quotations from the various addresses and committee reports are used. As an initial and maiden effort it is worthy of a seasoned hand. Brother Wheeler is commended for his outspoken words on Law and Order and his rulings praised. Welcome, Brother Blgrave "to our midst"; it will be a pleasure to foregather and commune with you at this round table.

Under Quebec he says, and knowing Bishop Farthing we know how well deserved the eulogy is:

At this session R. W. Brother Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, Lord Bishop of Montreal, delivered a sermon from I. John 1:18, dealing with the signs, words and symbols of the Order, and bringing out their esoteric meanings in the light of the commanding needs and challenging issues of today. It is an address filled with graphic epigrams and kindly counsel and withal reveals a man and Mason of wide vision and trenchant insight into the problems and tendencies of our own day.

The various Masonic Districts are carefully reported and give ample indication of painstaking work faithfully done and evidence general progress and prosperity throughout this noble jurisdiction to the North of us.

Greetings of good will to our near neighbor Maine.

M.W. David E. Moulton, Portland, Grand Master.

R.W. Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

**MANITOBA**

M.W. William J. Major, Grand Master.

Membership 11,078. Increase 397.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was opened at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, June 11th, 1924.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, who succeeded M.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. S. P. Matheson, represented Canada.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters strengthened and adorned Grand Lodge by their united presence.

The address of the Grand Master, one of the youngest of the confraternity, was masterly and notable, so the temptation is to make many extracts of full pages but space forbids and we must content ourselves with the following:

To these newer brethren particularly do I wish to offer additional words of welcome, of cheer and of encouragement. Masonry has been and is a progressive science, but to keep it so we must ever have our ranks continuously implemented by new blood, new men, men of strong minds, great hearts and true faith, men upon whom the gentle and refining influence of Freemasonry has made its impression and which has inspired them to greater usefulness in the advancement of our science and the development of the virtue of love to our fellow man.

Seldom does this privilege come to the average man. Seldom is the opportunity given to make such an intensive examination into the working of the organization, which appeals to the heart and the head of man and the result of which can only be found in the response which the heart makes to such an appeal.

Of Grand Representatives he says:

This Grand Lodge has accorded recognition to and has been given recognition by seventy-three other Grand Jurisdictions. Each of these Jurisdictions has appointed and duly accredited a member of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of representing such Grand Body in this Jurisdiction, an honor which any man should be proud to possess and once he possesses should always seek to merit.

A new and very practical feature of administration is introduced by the following:

The Conferences of the District Deputy Grand Masters with the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry for the past two years have a value which cannot be over-estimated.

With regard to the Condition of Masonry and some suggested improvements which strike home to more than his own Jurisdiction, we cite the following thoughtful comments :

While we shall ever have with us those who seldom answer promptly the call to labor and are ever prompt at the call to refreshment, the great majority of our members will follow the example set by a careful and painstaking leader, once he demonstrates his willingness and desire to serve.

Another cause for considerable loss of time is the unusually long, and to some of our Masters, laborious ceremony of opening the Lodge.

Still another great consumer of time is the routine business of the Lodge. I fully realize the necessity for the compilation of the most complete minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, but surely a brief synopsis of what the minutes contain is sufficient to secure their confirmation at the following meeting.

Should not the same caution be used in tiling the door of the banquet room as is used in tiling the door of the Lodge? The practice of introducing entertainers of no Masonic standing is growing so fast that the propriety of such a practise is worthy of consideration.

To me, the refreshment hour is as much a part of the Lodge meeting as the ceremonies in the Lodge room. Its standard of excellence should be as high as that in the Lodge room, its atmosphere should be refining and the tenor of all addresses and entertainment should be educational.

Let innocent mirth be there in abundance, let us have wholesome song and humorous story but let it be always understood that at the table of a Freemason impurity of thought, speech and conduct are prohibited.

At these gatherings there are always Masonic toasts and they should not be proposed or responded to in the presence of strangers.

With regard to the ballot he gives this among other warnings :

Let us never forget the duty and obligations placed upon us of protecting the man, who defenceless for the time being, has placed one of the most cherished of all his possessions in our power, namely, his character.



A tribute of filial affection is paid to our own parent Jurisdiction:

I likewise had most regretfully to decline the invitation of our brethren of our mother Grand Lodge in Ontario. Having completed arrangements to visit the land of my birth, and the home of my boyhood days and in keen anticipation of a happy and joyful reunion with Mother O'Mine, I expect to be far away o'er land and sea before the gavel sounds in the East of our parent Grand Lodge.

With regard to Lodge suspensions he has definite views:

In my opinion, the best method is to provide for the automatic exclusion of the member who is in default for one, two or three years and the issuance of a demit or certificate of exclusion indicating thereon the reasons for which it was issued. Provision could be made for reinstatement if desirable or re-admission could be obtained only by the usual method of an applicant for the degrees.

Education is energetically impressed:

Education of the Mason must be the keynote of all our leaders and it is incumbent on this Grand Lodge to provide the means and the material whereby our members can have ready at hand all the facilities which will encourage and assist any and all who desire to plow among the fertile fields of Masonic traditions, history and philosophy.

We may preach and teach but the pupil must study.

Under "Spurious Growths" hear him and heed:

I feel it incumbent upon me to bring the attention of Grand Lodge to a matter which is greatly disturbing a number of our Sister Jurisdictions and that is, the usual and phenomenal development and growth of organizations which claim to be founded upon principles akin to those of Freemasonry and in which membership in the Craft is necessary as a basis for membership.

Masonry raises no voice of protest at the formation of any organization promoted for worthy motives and offers no objection to individual liberty and course of action but Masonry protests against and positively refuses to permit any organization being founded on the basis of Masonic membership without the consent of the governing body, and it will further protest against and prohibit the individual using his Masonic membership for purposes unbecoming and contrary to the Masonic principles and ideals.

What we have often advocated ourselves he repeats in tones that will be heard everywhere convincingly:

With conscious pride in the possession of a home, the members aim to make it a centre of activity, permitting use thereof at various times for local charitable and religious purposes and devoting nights to the advancement and study of Masonic teachings.

This spirit of "own your own home" prevails in other parts of the Jurisdiction, where, as yet, they are dependent on rented quarters, which are in many cases unsuitable, unkempt and unclean.

And he concludes:

Let us at this Communication and in our Lodge assemblies and in our private lives ever seek to support and strengthen its noble mission and ever remember that it is only by the development of the art of living in peace together that we can banish class hatreds, establish mutual respect among nations, destroy the suspicions and jealousies which have caused more wars than anything else in the world and bring about a reign of international peace that will endure throughout the ages.

Three new Charters were granted Lodges and four Dispensations for new Lodges issued.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reports on many interesting matters, among them the following:

It is the opinion of your Committee, therefore, that, generally speaking, the word "Masonic" should not be used in connection with social or sports associations.

The Committee on Benevolence presents a report from an entirely new standpoint and makes this earnest appeal for action:

"We men of Earth have here the stuff  
Of Paradise—we have enough!  
We need no other thing to build  
The stairs into the unfulfilled—  
No other ivory for the doors—  
No other marble for the floors—  
No other cedar for the beam  
And dome of man's immortal dream.  
Here on the paths of every day—  
Here on the common human way—  
Is all the busy Gods would take  
To build a heaven, to mold and make  
New Edens. Ours the stuff sublime  
To build Eternity in time."

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, R.W. Bro. Roy Burritt, Chairman, present an excellent report from which we cite:

There is a greatly increased interest in the work of the Grand Lodge and a desire to measure up to a higher standard of excellence, on the part of particular Lodges.

There are Lodges which have not yet awakened to the need for constructive and progressive endeavor. They may not be dormant, but they indicate a sort of "stand pat" attitude which is neither creditable nor encouraging. We look forward, hopefully, to the time when the Lodges will take a pattern from those which do show evidences of advancement. We are inclined to believe that the regulation which requires a Master to be proficient in the work of the degrees, is honored more in the breach than in the observance.

In these days of the high cost of living, can a Lodge hope to fulfill its function, in a true Masonic sense, with a net revenue of \$3.00 per member? The thing is absurd, and yet some ambitious brethren in this jurisdiction fool themselves into believing that it can be done. How much more pitiful when we realize that, even with dues at \$4.00, there are instances where the arrears represent a substantial fraction of the assets. In our opinion, the annual dues should not be less than \$6.00.

It would not be advisable to enact constitutional provision, making it obligatory for a lodge to appoint a Past Master as its Secretary, but an understanding to this effect would go a long way towards improving the administration of affairs in the constituent lodges.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education says:

Your Committee believe that "The Library and Committee should stand at the head of all Masonic study and investigation in the Grand Jurisdiction; that they are in fact, the Masonic University, without whose aid, all attempts to educate the membership, must largely fail."

An address was delivered on the Legend of the Third Degree by M.W. Bro. Thornton.

On the second day the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Cunningham delivered a splendid oration closing with this verse:

"Free and Accepted may we prove,  
When angels bring us near to Thee,  
Prepared, in the Grand Lodge above,  
To take our last Sublime Degree."

Grand Lodge passed the following resolutions:

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge approves of the principle of limitation of membership in constituent lodges and author-

izes any lodge within its Jurisdiction to create by by-law or resolution, regulations governing the number of members of such lodge.

Resolved—That it shall be deemed an act of Unmasonic Conduct for any member of any Lodge under the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba A. F. & A. M. to use his membership in Freemasonry as a basis for securing admission into or membership of any Body or Society hereafter to be formed or established in this Grand Jurisdiction which requires Freemasonry as a basis for such membership.

The latter of these is significant in view of the Grand Master's address.

An address was given by Colonel (Rev.) George A. Wells on "Links Which Bind the Empire Together."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was in the able hands of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing (now Grand Master), and from his introduction entitled "On Dit" we take the following suggestive words:

Our Brethren of the United States of America are outstanding in their benevolence, lavish in their hospitality and strong for many of the best traditions of our Craft, but apparently inclined to follow "strange gods."

Pseudo-masonry ranging from the "kindergarten DeMolay" to "Playgrounds" for our grown-up boys. Branching off from these again we find Masonic clubs, one of which is erecting a hotel in Philadelphia, while another club announces its intention to build a hotel in New York. In addition to all this hodge-podge there are the side-orders for the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons, until the parent body begins to look like a porcupine.

The consequent result apparently being that we have a padded list of members and a meagre list of Masons.

While doubtless doing good in "spots," still it is very evident that these side-issues all tend to lower the dignity of Masonry and blur the vision of our ideals, while at the same time they scatter our Masonic force by destroying its solidarity.

Canada is generously and complimentarily reviewed and we thank our colleague for his kindly words of encouragement.

He concludes his report of our 1923 meeting with the following:

Is it out of place to wonder if any members of the "Grotto" were at this Communication, or how dry was the "City of



Churches," as we note a vote of thanks was tendered to the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department for the continuous attention and service given to the safety and comfort of the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

The conclusion of this excellent fraternal Report is entitled "Jazzing Freemasonry," and let us listen whether we will or no to what he forcibly says:

"It was told me in my youth by an elementary science teacher that there was no difficulty, broadly speaking, in saying what was an animal and what was a vegetable; but the question became more difficult when one was asked exactly to place a sponge. It is with, what I may term, the sponges of Freemasonry, that I now wish to deal."—Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, United Grand Lodge of England, on "Associated Freemasonry."

About fifteen years ago the late Woodrow Wilson, then President of Princeton University, while speaking of college studies versus campus activities, stated "the side-shows had swallowed the circus." The application of the moral to our many side-orders is so plain that "he who runs may read."

There should be no room for a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in Freemasonry.

We part with our brethren in Manitoba, our nearest neighbors of the sister Provinces, with a feeling of good work well done.

It was a great privilege and pleasure to this reviewer to accompany Grand Master Major on the memorable visit to England in 1924 and to sit beside him at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Manitoba was well and worthily represented.

M.W. James S. MacEwing, Treherne, Grand Master.

M.W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND

M.W. Brother Warren Seipp, Grand Master.

Membership 31,297. Net gain 808.

The Two Hundred and Sixty-First Semi-Annual Communication was held at Baltimore, May, 1924.

The Deputy Grand Master opened Grand Lodge and then received the Grand Master as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Warren S. Seipp, accompanied by the Right Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer, was escorted into the Grand Lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was conducted to the East.

The meeting was to a great extent filled with the reception to R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, of England, whose welcome is thus royally recorded:

Sir Alfred Robbins was escorted into the Grand Lodge, the Grand Honors were given and he was conducted to the East.

The Grand Master's greeting was most hearty. He said in part:

Brethren, in introducing to you Sir Alfred Robbins, I want to say that the short time he has been in our midst he has simply captivated us. We find that, notwithstanding all his dignity and titles, he is yet a man.

Sir Alfred, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and as Grand Master, it gives me much pleasure to appoint you as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England and to present you with this warrant of authority as such; and, brethren, I take great pleasure in presenting to you our friend and brother, Sir Alfred Robbins, of England.

From Sir Alfred Robbins' reply we take these salient paragraphs:

For the first time, Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the history of the Grand Lodge of England, which extends for more than two hundred years, an ambassador has been sent from that Grand Lodge to these shores to convey the good wishes of the Grand Master and his brethren. I have the distinguished honor of being the choice of the Grand Master to execute that task, and I bring them to you at the especial desire of the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught. I have met at the hands of my brother Masons of America a warmth of welcome, even a warmth of affection, beyond what I could have dreamed of, certainly beyond what I could have hoped for. That has been because we were all speaking not merely a common tongue which does bind together very strongly the English-speaking people, but we were speaking especially to each other the common tongue of Freemasonry. We in England practice virtually the same observances, differing only in details and not in essentials; but what is far more important, we, on our side of the Atlantic, and you on yours, are believers in the same Masonic ideals, founded on the eternal rock of free and open recognition of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Can anyone believe that this Order could have existed so long, could have flourished so much, could have rendered so much good to humanity if it had been merely an assembly of men met for self-congratulation, for personal pleasure, for individual advantage, or for the mere comfort of association? Freemasonry has flourished among us on both sides of the water because Freemasonry has not only practiced the three grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, but has never swerved from adherence to that principle, a belief in the Almighty, which we in England have always followed, and which I pray from my soul we shall never in the least depart from. It is because we think that Freemasonry will not realize its high destiny unless it does something more than exist, more than do even good work, that I am here. For, if Freemasonry has not got inspiration, Freemasonry will not reach the height of the responsibility that is cast upon it.

I feel bound to admit that I was unprepared for the volume of serious thought and effort I have found in Blue Masonry—or, as we call it, Craft Masonry—in the United States. Beyond that, I have to thank the American Masons for something purely personal. I have been accompanied to this country—I am accompanied even in Baltimore today—by the one who has been my constant companion and counsellor for forty years—herself not only the wife of a Freemason, but the mother of four Freemasons, all initiated by their father in his own mother lodge. The welcome extended to my wife has touched me deeply.

The Right Worshipful Brother was then made Honorary Senior Grand Warden of Maryland and was presented personally with a jewel, and in the final valedictory the Grand Master well said:

Were it possible, I should say to you, Sir, that your presence here has brought us not only into closer fraternal relationship with the Grand Lodge of England, but that your presence in the United States has brought the two nations into closer relationship. And while Maryland has always stood in the forefront of any movement that required manhood, honor and integrity, we feel sure that we can assure you and those whom you represent that Maryland will be your loyal friend from this day henceforth.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home reported good progress made and a generous donation of \$15,000 guaranteed by the Eastern Star.

Six corner-stones were laid during the half year, a splendid record.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication was held in Baltimore, November 18, 1924.

Canada was not among the Grand Representatives who were honored.

The Grand Master's address was brief but comprehensive.

Among other important matters he treated of the following in a worthy way:

Masters are urged to present to their lodges the Bulletins issued by the Masonic Service Association. Individuals receiving these papers should immediately turn them over to the Master and they should be read or delivered to the Lodge as regularly as received.

Our membership gain has been not so much probably on the surface, but what to me is far more important, is the spirit of fraternity which pervades the entire jurisdiction.

Most of us have learned that it is better to boost than to knock.

Brethren, peace and concord should prevail at all times. When the true spirit of Masonry guides, no other incentive is necessary to the membership to attend lodge, and to the officers to put forth their best efforts to instruct, enlighten and encourage the brethren. A well posted Master is never confronted with the problem of empty benches, and I honestly believe that it is worth the time of any man to make what some call a sacrifice, but what I esteem a privilege, to "go through the chairs."

Let me urge each one to do his best at all times, ever remembering that every part of a machine should be in its place and well lubricated to get the best results; you are an integral part of this great machine, and its efficiency is dependent upon each and every part. Such a machine is Masonry and such a part are you. It is therefore incumbent upon you to act in the world and so conduct your part in Masonry that the community at large, and you, brethren in particular, may derive benefit from your life and work.

It is not usual to quote much from the Committee of Grievances but this Committee's report is so full, satisfying and unique that it would not be fair to our Brethren not to reproduce an important page which gives us food for thought, perhaps for comment and discussion:

The Masonic disciplining and punishment of individuals is sometimes necessary for the proper maintenance of the health



of the body and while it is a distressing fact that there should be an occasion therefor, yet, when circumstances demand, a lodge should and must purge itself of unworthy individuals not only for its own good but for the maintenance of that high standard which Masonry demands.

But a Masonic trial is a grave and weighty matter—not to be entered into lightly—and every consideration must be given in order that no injustice may be done the accused. •

And here it must be noted that a grave responsibility rests upon the Symbolic lodges—the constituent bodies which form this great and noble Grand Lodge. The lodges which are represented here are the very cement and support of Freemasonry. You are the foundation of Masonic endeavor in whatever form it may choose to assume. Too little attention is given to the importance—the overwhelming importance—of the “Blue” Lodge so that one of the dangers in America is the fact that too often Symbolic Masonry is regarded as a mere stepping-stone to other degrees which in the final analysis are no “higher” than the first three.

The Mason who wears the emblem of Commandery, or Scottish Rite, or Shrine, is erroneously and too frequently considered to have received those “arcana” which entitle him to greater Masonic knowledge and standing when, as a matter of fact, it is the practical application of those truths we have learned in the Symbolic Lodge which entitle him to Masonic regard. How seldom do we see the “Square and Compasses” in comparison with the emblems of other degrees!

Let it not be thought we wish to detract from a due regard for Chapter, Council, Commandery or Scottish Rite, but here is the thought intended to be conveyed; all of these are outgrowths of the Symbolic Lodge and are appendant orders only. All of them are not only appendant but dependent upon the first three degrees, not only from the fact that a man must be a Master before he can join these other bodies, not only because the history of our Order tells us that all Masonic effort sprang from the “Blue” Lodges, but also because a man must *continue to be a Master Mason* if he wishes to remain in the above-mentioned appendant orders.

Bro. John Hiltz represents Canada in Maryland and Maryland is represented by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope of Hamilton.

The Correspondence review is ably done by R.W. Bro. Rev. Henry Branch, who in his introduction says:

There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is Light.

Florida furnishes him with this matter :

I am one of those who believe that the success of this Government, and its prospects for the future, rested and rests upon its ability to assimilate into its service an Abraham Lincoln when he arises from the ranks of the people, and to take James A. Garfield from the towpath to make him a President of the United States.

New York also received enthusiastically Sir Alfred Robbins and the reviewer thus chronicles the event :

He thrilled us by his enthusiastic response to the greeting received; he delivered a message of singular force and beauty, to which the Brother Rowan replied: "It has been well worth waiting all these years to finally have the trail blazed by a man with the understanding and delightful personality possessed by Bro. Robbins, and if we did not already have some fondness and affection for our Brethren across the sea, his address this morning would inspire a longing in that regard."

Canada and other British Grand Lodges are reviewed at the end of the report and our colleague appears to have been pleased with us. He says :

In his address the Grand Master says: "During the year that we chronicle as past, the Mosaic of life—that spiritual and intellectual process of being, becoming and doing—of thought and action—has been full of interest and of vital moment."

As to the Father, Son and Brother, might he say "the experiment has become a triumphant experience." He notes the general approval of the Order of DeMolay for boys. Query?

The Reception of Grand Lodge Representatives was most enthusiastic: "Stand at my right hand and keep the bridge with me" as Macaulay has it, because we want you to bridge the distance between the Grand Jurisdiction that you represent and this, the centre of Masonry today; we want you to link them up closely together; we want not 24 hours to elapse before you correspond with the Grand Jurisdictions to which you are accredited, and bear them the greetings, of the hundred thousand Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and God help the man who would short circuit the electric current that links us all up together in one bond of Brotherhood.

The Report on the Condition of Masonry by R.W. Bro. Shanks particularly attracted him and he quotes these paragraphs :

Perhaps we are not using the machinery of our organization with vision and intelligence. . . One of the great secrets of Masonic enthusiasm is the practical application of the

theory of co-operation. It is unreasonable to expect that a member will retain a great degree of interest in the affairs of the Lodge unless he is an active participant therein.

And closes his review in these words :

Maryland receives sympathetic notice from the Reviewer, Bro. R. C. B., who says, "Once again Ontario is omitted." I am sorry ; should like to make acquaintance of Ontario.

What a symposium is that Appendix II. to Proceedings. Wish I had been there.

The dream of M.W. Bro. Dudley Ferrell is thrilling, as he tells the story, "Oh what a wonderful sight, what an inspiration the vision was as it came and went, came and went, came and went, and, my Brethren, I wonder if you and I working together can make the dream true."

M.W. Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore, Grand Master.

R.W. George Cook, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

## MASSACHUSETTS

We regret that your reviewer did not receive the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of whose Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren he has such personal and kindly recollections. However, throughout nearly all the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions Massachusetts is referred to and therefore references to that great Commonwealth and to the wonderful Brotherhood of that oldest of American Jurisdictions are not in this review infrequent. The Jurisdiction of Massachusetts passes like England, Scotland and Ireland overseas, north, south, east and west. Massachusetts Masonry is both conservative and universal.

I had the privilege three months ago of reviewing the Grand Chapter Proceedings under Most Excellent Companion Curtis Chipman and I know that the same high quality and calibre is maintained in Grand Lodge under the aegis of M.W. Brother Dudley Ferrell, both of them outstanding men of light and leading, who are trying to "make the dream come true".

**MEXICO (YORK)**

M.W. Ernest Ph. Herivel, Grand Master.

Membership 938. Net gain 31.

This Grand Lodge, despite the troublous times in which it carries on its labor of love, publishes Proceedings which are worthy of a larger and more widely recognized field.

On December 4th, 1923, Grand Lodge dedicated a new Masonic Hall and the following sentence is a specimen of the excellent address delivered by Deputy Grand Master Loevy:

We are this evening, adding another stone to the emblematical temple of our beloved Order and we pray God that Masonry in Mexico may prosper and that this Temple may become a place of concourse for good men, where harmony and brotherly love may be promoted during the life of all now living and that the influence therefrom may endure until time shall be no more.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was held in the City of Mexico March 17, 1924, when, after opening, the Grand Master and escort were received with grand honors.

The Grand Representatives of the District of Columbia, England, Ireland, Kansas, New York, New Brunswick, Ohio and many other Jurisdictions which recognize this Grand Lodge, were received and welcomed. Should we not in Canada consider the question of official recognition at an early date?

The Grand Master pays worthy tribute to the Departed.

Among other comments on conditions in his Jurisdiction he says:

It is not, however, only by the size of our membership that our condition is to be judged, but by the spirit of willingness and determination to carry on our great work to the limit of our capacities.

It is hoped that very soon peace and order will have been completely restored to this attractive home of our adoption.



There are, as you all know, a number of Grand Lodges working in different States of this Republic, and during the last year others have been formed.

The sentiment in favor of more truly Universal Masonry is growing stronger, and, like a small stream gathering strength and volume on its way to the ocean, will eventually become a mighty power which will brook neither obstacles nor slower-moving objects.

They publish an excellent paper in Mexico and of it the Grand Master says:

I wish here to express my appreciation to the Editor and Managers of the York Rite Trestle Board for the great help given me.

From his conclusion we take the following:

I shall always look back upon this year of my life as a period in which I was privileged to participate in a glorious labor, side by side with men who have proven themselves in every way worthy of the title of Free and Accepted Masons.

"God be thanked—whate'er comes after,  
I have lived and toiled with Men!"

Acknowledgment is made of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

The Report on Fraternal Jurisdictions by their Grand Correspondent is well done. In his introduction he says:

In the opinion of some it appears to point to a growing commercialism which bodes evil for the future. The number of so called fraternal organizations which have appeared based more or less upon Masonic pattern, is almost innumerable and unless some method is found to check this growth, in coming years, the evil will resemble the growth so often found in our tropical forests, where the parasite has grown to the extent of having sufficient life and vigor to choke out and take the place of the original tree upon which the parasite fastened.

Under Alberta he finds inspiration for the following:

The remarks contained in the preceeding paragraph struck us as being peculiarly appropriate to Mexico. We, in this jurisdiction, know of many cases in which that "esprit-de-corps" which makes the ex-collegian cling to his Alma Mater, the soldier to his regiment, and the sailor to his ship, binds the absent brother to his Mother Lodge.

At the end of the Proceedings is a full and we must confess convincing story of the history of their Grand Lodge in the Republic of Mexico, from the foreward of which we take these sentences:

We find many very worthy Mexicans and we have many friends among them, but we want to bring out the point, that, between the Latin-American, and the Anglo-American there is a wide gulf regarding their ways of thinking and acting, and that harmony can best be preserved by each being allowed to hold his independent views, and not try to coerce either side to accept the viewpoint of the other in Masonic affairs, but allow each one to follow the ideals of his forefathers, and thus preserve peace and harmony, instead of trying to unite in an effort for good, two absolute contradictory forces, and expect to have a successful, amicable community. Years of experience in all Latin America have proved this cannot be done.

The Committee on Research who have prepared this epitome of their somewhat checkered but always brave and faithful career, include the report of R.W. Bro. C. C. Shanks, formerly Grand Secretary, who is a well known member of the Craft.

May the troubled waters in Mexico soon receive and obey the command "Peace, be still"!

M.W. Marcus A. Loevy, Grand Master.

R.W. C. I. Arnold, Grand Secretary.

## MICHIGAN

M.W. Charles A. Durand, Grand Master.

Membership 138,974. Net gain 4,903.

Only one Grand Jurisdiction equals Michigan in bulk of volume and few present such a fertile fund of thought and action. The Fraternal Correspondence alone, which is a special feature, covers 716 closely printed pages. Michigan esteems its fraternal relations.

Portraits of the new Grand Master and of all the elective officers precede the volume with a well-written introduction from which we quote:

In introducing the seventy-fourth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the State of Michigan we present

another son of Scotland, the race that has furnished so many of our Grand Masters.

The Eightieth Annual Communication was held in the City of Flint on the 27th of May, 1924.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Bro. William E. Goff, was received and saluted.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters adorned and strengthened the opening ceremony.

Canada's Representative did not respond at the Roll Call.

From the address of the Grand Master we take the following:

We are here met under the inspiration of the same hope, pledged to the same faith and involved in the same eternal destinies.

He comments on all the activities of his Jurisdiction. He is down on doubtful methods of raising money and says:

You will note that this action prohibits any Mason from participating in, or carrying on, any of these gambling devices as well as prohibiting the lodges from holding fairs, circuses and bazaars, and this includes any organization, by whatever name known, composed entirely of Masons, from indulging in these practices.

Of all bodies which dissipate our strength, he says:

If all the organizations which require some sort of Masonic relationship for membership therein, should organize bodies within this jurisdiction, and should insist that because of the Masonic connection they ought to be allowed to meet in lodge rooms, when would the lodges find a night open for the conduct of regular Masonic business?

There are altogether too many organizations attempting to make Masonry an unwilling host and bear their burdens, and which detract from the purpose of our institution.

He says a good word for the University Lodges. We, too, encourage them and Queens and the University of Toronto have wonderfully progressive Lodges with living stones compact.

I hear only good reports of the work done by the Craftsman's Club of the University of Michigan.

He thinks and we agree that all smoking should be abolished in the lodge room and its immediate precincts.

With regard to questions of state and religion he follows the ancient charges by impressing upon his brethren:

Such a practice would eventually disrupt this ancient and honorable institution. I hope the time will never come when religious bigotry, political prejudice and racial hatreds will be injected into our lodges. When that time comes, Masonry is doomed. Masonry's duty and privilege is to prepare the brothers how to act as citizens in all emergencies. Safe and sane Masons do not think it competent for constituent or Grand Lodges to approve by vote any governmental policy. Training the individual Mason for citizenship is the duty and privilege of Masonry.

Many Masons seem to think that Masonry is a beautiful system of gymnastics, signs, steps, grips and more grips, steps and signs, the acquisition of high sounding titles and the eternal grind of conferring of degrees. If that were all, our institution could not have lived through all these many years nor attracted the brightest minds of this and other times. Let us forget some of these minor details and get back to fundamentals and a knowledge of what Masonry really is.

The Masonic Home receives a large share of attention throughout the Proceedings and as much care is taken of the equipment as of the building, so that the guests are surrounded with every comfort. Apart from the orphans there are 58 men and 32 women whose comfort is considered at every angle.

An analysis is made of the different Homes in the different States, the models being those of Pennsylvania.

Many of the addresses at the laying of the Cornerstone of the Washington Memorial Temple are given in full, that of M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, P.G.M. of Massachusetts, being especially witty and interesting. One quotation will suffice:

But a speaker after dinner should always have a subject, and he always should divide his remarks into three parts. In the first part he should lay down his subject. In the second



part he should depart from it, and in the third part he should not return to it again (laughter). I shall endeavor to divide my subject up in that way; and, by the way, you know telling stories is a good deal like seasickness, one thing brings up another.

The introduction to the Fraternal Correspondence which is by Rev. Bro. William H. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain, is full of delicious banter which shows that he is not one of the gloomy Deans and is not piety parsonified.

Canadians will appreciate to the full his splendid review of Canada for 1923 covering 12 full pages, reproducing very vividly the wonderful proceedings of that Toronto meeting. Of the writer he is kind enough to say:

I belong to the Episcopal Church whose members do those things they ought not to do and leave undone the things they ought to do.

I should give you, dear readers, the privilege of perusing Grand Master Ponton's address in extenso. Space forbids; scissors may spoil; condensation may pervert. But at the risk of diminishing the literary value of the whole address, suffer a few excerpts:

With regard to our approbation of Divine Service worship, he adds "why not *every* Sunday?" He emphasizes "early to Lodge and early to bed."

Of the Report on the Condition of Masonry of R.W. Bro. Shanks he says:

The report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is a very strong bit of work and worthy of dissemination. Would it not be well to print such illuminating articles and distribute them by thousands among the brethren, thus turning each jurisdiction into a Masonic Service Association?

From Ireland he takes this paragraph of interest to Canada:

I shall never forget the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, how, in answer to a communication from us, they sent us a very handsome contribution to our fund to assist those lodges and Masonic bodies who are in difficulties owing to the recent troubles.

Minnesota he finds a fruitful field but he does not need to excuse himself from making large quota-

tions from the Grand Master's address. Of it, however, he says:

Because the address is valuable in both matter and form, large quotations will be made.

Under Alberta he humorously comments:

The review of Michigan, 1922, is very meagre and contains nothing of interest. I used to have a book mark upon which was printed these words: "Here I fell asleep." Did that happen to the Committee on Correspondence when, in the course of his labors, he came to the Proceedings of Michigan?

And we close our perusal of this wonderful work by quoting from his comments on Mexico this verse of matured warning:

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;  
You can't do that when you are flying words.  
Things that we think may sometimes fall back dead,  
But God himself can't kill them, once they're said."

We greet Michigan as one of our nearest and most neighborly neighbors.

Ben. J. Henderson, Bay City, M.W. Grand Master.

Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## MINNESOTA

M.W. Bro. J. M. McConnell, Grand Master.

Membership 55,909. Gain 1,274.

After the rules for Masonic dates in the various Masonic Bodies had been given, the Anno Lucis 5924, the Anno Inventionis 2454, the Anno Ordinis 806, the chronicle deals with many meetings of occasional Grand Lodges for Dedications, Consecrations and Cornerstones.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication was held in the City of St. Paul, January 16th, 1924, 17 Past Grand Masters being welcomed with all the honours in the East.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Herman Held a household word in the Craft.

This solidifying and satisfying assurance is given by the Grand Master in his address:

Broadly speaking, Masonry throughout our grand jurisdiction is on a sound basis and prosperous. I have been impressed wherever information has reached me with the conscientious effort of our Lodges to accept only good timber, realizing that out of poor timber no sound edifice can be erected. There is good reason to believe that of our great social institutions, Masonry at least, is back to normal.

He does not forget our Fraternal Dead of whom he says:

The world, as well as Masonry, is richer for the lives of these five good men who have gone before us to that land from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Eight Cornerstones were laid during the year.

He gives very cautious treatment to the subject of the Masonic Service Association of whom he writes thus:

The purpose of the Masonic Service Association is, mainly and broadly speaking, educational.

Minnesota Masonry is and I trust always will be conservative with a disposition to adhere to a somewhat strict construction of the Ancient Landmarks and traditions. The dangerous tendency manifested in some localities toward carrying Masonry as an organization into public affairs and toward undue publicity has, I trust, small holding in our grand jurisdiction.

By all this I do not mean that there is not a large place in our Lodges for an educational program—education in Masonry.

In my opinion the full value of the Masonic Service Association in this jurisdiction will not be reached until such time as the Grand Lodge may feel able to employ a full time director who shall adapt and direct the work in accordance with the needs and wishes of Minnesota Masons.

Among his opinions and decisions we find the following:

The Grand Lodge has specifically designated the organizations which it will recognize. The De Molay is not so included. Therefore, I have no authority as Grand Master, to give approval to your Lodge in sponsoring it.

May a Lodge contribute to a Boy Scout Fund in the community?

Answer: No.

May a Lodge contribute from its funds to support the work of the Salvation Army? Answer: No law forbids since the Lodge determines its own charity, but the precedent is dangerous.

Of imported Masonic lecturers he has a word of caution and at the same time a note that is too often forgotten, namely, that the Grand Master is the Guardian of the whole Craft in the Jurisdiction:

In this day of widespread propaganda of all kinds, when those who have ulterior purposes to accomplish are unusually active, it behooves Masons to exercise extreme care in the protection of their Lodges against false prophets or at best those who have no worth while message.

When early in the Masonic year I learned by accident, that certain Lodges, the number of which I did not know, had apparently contracted for an outside lecturer of whom I had not heard and concerning whose message I had no information, I felt that a note of warning should be sounded.

It is my opinion that a resolution should be adopted by this Grand Body barring from the Lodges all so-called Masonic lecturers from other jurisdictions except when explicitly authorized by the Grand Master.

Under De Molay he says:

This order, if my information is correct, has been brought forth under Masonic auspices by one of the subsidiary bodies with no concurrent action on the part of the Grand Lodge. Furthermore, it appears that its sponsorship was established in so-called higher bodies rather than in the Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry. That this method of procedure is unsound needs no word of mine to point out. It is the function of the Grand Lodge to determine what organizations shall be formed in the name of Masonry as it is the function of the Grand Lodge to determine the policies of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge must likewise understand that so soon as it gives approval to this boys' society, it will be called on to approve a similar society for girls. Of the forming of societies, clubs, et cetera, each seeking to bask in the light of Masonic sunshine, there is no end unless the Grand Lodge itself shall determine it.

Education is fully treated of and is thus summed up so far as the Craft generally is concerned:

My deep interest in the welfare and progress of the public schools, as well as my concern for Masonry leads me to say to all sects and societies, "Hands off the public schools." Saying this to others, we must accept it ourselves.

The Masonic Home is the live and the great topic in Minnesota and the Grand Master has no doubts whatever about the duties and the privileges of the Lodges and the Brethren. He thus expresses himself as his final word at the end of his address:



To my mind the great overweening undertaking that challenges Minnesota Masons is the Masonic Home. Our obligation is to the aged and decrepit among the Masons of this grand jurisdiction and to the orphan children. The question is not, what are we going to do about it, but, are we going to do what we have said we were. I approve all that it has done and I urge on the Grand Lodge and on all Masons that they give unqualified approval and support to the program which it presents. First cost, though it may be greater than we had thought, will not deter us from laying our foundations now broad and deep that a structure may arise on our beautiful site which will be indestructible by fire, adequate in equipment and beautiful in adornment, a building or rather a series of buildings, that will be emblematical of Masonic charity as we would have it exemplified in this grand jurisdiction.

A wonderful work is being done at Rochester, the seat of the Mayo Bros. great surgery. \$3,000 were appropriated by Grand Lodge to cover the expenses of their representative there who had met and administered to the comfort of 1,956 during the year, making 5,471 calls. Other activities are reported as follows:

In addition to the routine work required of your representative his presence in Rochester has been the means of saving thousands of dollars to the Brethren coming there. By getting in touch with these brethren upon their arrival your representative is enabled to furnish them with accommodations within their means and often to expedite their examination by seeing that they do not miss their regular appointments.

Secretary Thompson of Acacia Lodge, now serving his 51 years as Secretary, was given the grand honours for work well done.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Bennet delivered a striking address which is printed in full. These excerpts will prove instructive and interesting to the many Brethren who are interested in the philosophy of Masonry:

Through the work in the Lodge there is set before the candidate a panorama of some of the greatest land-marks along the road of man's travel. He is given glimpses of man's conception of Deity; of his appreciation of art and literature; of his yearnings for knowledge through the sciences. These are not in any sense definitions, but simply pictured facts as man has worked them out in his hard struggle for an answer to the riddle of life.

The ritual therefore may be likened to a screen upon which a picture is thrown. Some seeing it are interested in recalling only the details of the picture and making themselves perfect in their remembrance. Others fail to catch the significance of that historical portrayal as related to human progress.

There are three great principles which set forth the philosophy of Masonry, and I quote from an extract taken from the Illinois Freemason. "Freemasonry's system of conduct is based upon three great facts: first, the fact of the existence of God; second, the fact that man is a responsible being; third, the fact that our present life is an opportunity for service through the expression of true brotherhood."

Parenthetically, and as a very practical and not a philosophical observation, it does seem too bad at times to have the answer whispered into the ear of the candidate because it takes from him the burden of thinking the matter to its logical conclusion. If he cannot get the answer himself, it would seem fitting that he be given an opportunity to think it out, and if he cannot arrive at the right conclusion himself, he should be made to wait until he can get himself righted. Masonic progress is sometimes made too easy, and thus becomes less appreciated.

The Word was first, says the revelation;  
Justice is older than error or strife;  
The Word preceded the Incarnation  
As symbol and type of law and life.  
And always so are the mighty changes;  
The word must be sown in the heart like seed;  
Men's hands must tend it, their lives defend it,  
Till it burst into flower as a deathless Deed.

R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel of Haileybury, represents Minnesota in Canada.

M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery, P.G.M. has the responsibility and privilege of the Foreign Correspondence and he does his work well.

He quotes approvingly again of Arizona in giving a short opening and closing form for "calling off" and "calling on" to avoid the unnecessary waste of time involved in using the whole catechetical ceremonial.

Canada is indebted to our colleague for a very full and complimentary review. We do appreciate the grip of Minnesota's fraternal hand. The following extracts show the friendly spirit:

Grand Master Ponton gave another masterful address, fully equalling if not surpassing his wonderful address of last year. It is full of interesting and instructive information, both to Masons of the States as well as the Dominion; its diction is charming, and the reading of it is a most delightful pleasure.

He quotes approvingly:

One additional field for the productive philanthropy and public spirit of the Craft is opened up by our sister jurisdictions

in the west, and I suggest that we follow it by establishing three educational scholarships in our Provincial university for sons of Masons who are handicapped by straitened means. God has blessed us in basket and store; we can afford it. Stop giving only when the Master stops giving to you.

The report on fraternal correspondence covers a review of the proceedings of 64 jurisdictions. Bro. E. B. Brown chairman of the committee, owing to his increased legal duties was unable to compile his customary interesting review and the work was subdivided among several brethren, which, as the Grand Master said, "reflects the mintage of several minds." Minnesota for 1923 received the attention of "W.N.P.," presumably the Grand Master. All jurisdictions are liberally and courteously reviewed.

Under Manitoba and the subject of "clouds in the Masonic skies" are cited the names of some of the variously and wonderfully named Societies attempting to sail under our shadow or our sunlight, whichever it may be. We quote:

The other cloud is the multiplying of orders requiring as a pre-requisite for membership Masonic standing or relationship.

In addition to the well-known branches of the Scottish Rite, Chapter, Council, Preceptory and Shrine, we find mention made of "The Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm," more familiarly known as The Grotto; "The Tall Cedars of Lebanon" "The Order of the Pyramids"; "The Egyptian Mystics"; "The White Shrine of Jerusalem"; "The Sciots"; "The Sons of Hiram"; "The Order of the Eastern Star"; "The Order of Builders"; "The Order of the Rainbow"; "The Daughters of Job"; "The Order De Molay"; and the end is not yet. Even the Ku Klux Klan through its organizers is claiming Masonic affiliation.

The following pre-requisite has been passed by Queensland as a necessary essential in the applications of candidates:

I hereby declare that I will be faithful, loyal, and bear true allegiance to the Sovereign of the British Empire, and I recognize that disloyalty or any breach of this declaration is a serious Masonic offence.

Massachusetts and the reviewer give definite expression to their views in the following sentences regarding Clubs and Germany:

Referring to the growth of Masonic Clubs, he made the following sound, sensible statement:

"The popularity of clubs among Masons has led to a situation which demands the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and what is now said comes from one who is personally friendly to the spirit of social good fellowship developed by the clubs.

This will indicate some of the reasons why I believe the course of wisdom for clubs is to adopt names which are symbolic, but which do not indicate a Masonic character and authority to the general public."

He sees no possibility at the present of renewal of relations with the Grand Lodges of Germany if they persist in fostering revolt against Grand Lodges in the United States. He was deeply impressed with the quality of the Masonry in Italy under the Grand Lodge of Italy.

The Masonic Veterans' Association of Minnesota is indeed a live wire, and they print an honour roll of many members covering nearly two full pages of Minnesota Veterans 50 or more years Master Masons, distinguishing the State for both its fidelity and longevity.

The Grand Master addressed them from a new point of view saying:

I think the biggest problem after selecting their timber, after having rejected those who should be rejected, and having lost material the choice young men of our community—I say, when that is done, I think the biggest problem of Masonic Lodges is to utilize properly in Ancient Craft Masonry that material. Any of you who are Masters of Lodges I would like to have you check back in your records five years and say to what extent Masonry has lived up to this possibility. Of the number of Masons made in your Lodge what proportion are we getting in Masonry in that for which Masonry stands, as compared with the number of men we take into our Lodges? Masters have come to me as Grand Master and asked advice, even hopefully from one who knows no more than the one who asks, what we can do for Masonry, in that "We take them in and they don't come back." An investment without returns is as bad in Masonry as in business, and if Masonry will arise to the possibilities it must realize a reasonable return on the investment it makes in the manhood of the community.

M.W. James D. Markham, Rush City, Grand Master.

R.W. John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

M.W. Edmund A. Montgomery, Minneapolis, Committee on Correspondence.

## MISSOURI

Joseph S. McIntyre, Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 662. Net gain 2,818.

A biography and portrait of Grand Master McIntyre introduces the volume of Proceedings and of him it is said:



While a member of all rites and degrees, it is in the Great Mother of all Rites—the Lodge—that our Brother has found his greatest interest.

Throughout his talks or writings runs a vein of Irish humor, evidence of his Irish forebears, which renders him ever interesting and entertaining.

He has truly rendered conspicuous service to the Craft; he has been a constructive executive.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication convened in Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Louis, October 21, 1924. The Grand Chaplain made this gracious reference in his invocation:

Hear us, O Lord, when we pray that the cloud of Thy protecting love may overshadow the dear ones of those of our Brethren who, during the past year, have laid down the working tools of life.

Distinguished visitors from Illinois, Kansas and the Grand Chapter and the Scottish Rite were welcomed and gave applauded addresses.

The Grand Master is both poetic and practical. Hear him:

Like the day and the night, like the seed-time and the harvest, like the tides of the ocean and like the seasons of the year, our annual communications almost trip on the heels of each other, so surely and so rapidly do they follow.

It has been a busy year, but the happiest one of my entire life—happy because the service which I have sought to render has been received by the Craft with the fullest co-operation, with the greatest charity toward me and the utmost eagerness on the part of the Craft to do anything and everything to further the welfare of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

Unless we stand before the candidate as clean and true men, the language of the ritual will be as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, falling on deaf ears because the candidate, knowing us, will likewise know that the ceremony is mere hollow mockery. We cannot honestly ask the candidate to wear his apron spotless unless we keep our own aprons clean from the stain of sin in this life.

Freemasonry is not a religion or church or sect. It is not bound by any ecclesiastical creed or dogmas, but rises above race, creed and denomination and rests on the firm foundation of spiritual realities. It improves every worthy candidate physically, socially, intellectually and morally or spiritually. It seeks to establish justice and charity, and to inculcate faith

and hope. In all things it places the spiritual above the material things of this life. It teaches the final triumph of good over evil, the love of our fellowmen in this life, and faith in God, both here and hereafter. It binds men into a social mass with the cement of faith, freedom and friendship. It reaches its climax in the belief that since God, the Father, is immortal, it necessarily follows that all his children are Brothers, in each of whom is a spark of divinity that can never, never die.

But the good Freemason knows full well that divinity actually stirs within oneself until one actually realizes that immortality is now, as well as hereafter. Tennyson expresses it in this language:

"And I doubt not through the ages  
One increasing purpose runs,  
And the thoughts of men are widened  
With the process of the suns."

Missouri treats its Fraternal Correspondents past and present most generously, as this reference by the Grand Master shows:

I, therefore, recommend that M.W. Bro. C. C. Woods be retired with the title of Fraternal Correspondent Emeritus for life on the full salary of \$750.00 per year, which, after all, is only a pittance for the work done in that office, and likewise, I recommend that R.W. Brother Mather be allowed \$750.00 for the work which he has heretofore done in assisting Dr. Woods in this work.

The Masonic Service Association receives unlimited praise. The Grand Master says:

This service has been rendered in various ways:

A number of Masonic speeches by outstanding Freemasons have been broadcasted by means of the radio to all of the Lodges of the state which had equipped themselves with proper facilities for listening in.

It has provided a circulating library to which all of the Lodges have had access. Many Brethren have taken advantage of it and in this way have enjoyed it, at no expense to themselves, some of the very best Masonic literature.

It is the intent of the Committee to put out Four Bulletins each year and the material has already been gathered to take care of this work for several years.

Of R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, of England, the address describes the calling of a special meeting of Grand Lodge to welcome the English visitor, and the Grand Master adds:

There is no more outstanding or conspicuous Freemason in the world today than Brother Robbins.

From Missouri's welcome of Sir Alfred Robbins we take these two outstanding paragraphs :

We have long heard of you and have always thought of you as the Prime Minister of Freemasonry in England. Coming to America at this time, as you do, with the official sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, we consider you a minister plenipotentiary bearing, as we understand, a message of good will and love from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Lodge of the World, to the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and as such we welcome you into our midst most heartily.

Please be assured at the very outstart that anything and everything that will, in the remotest way, tend to bring into a closer relationship the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Missouri with the Mother Grand Lodge of the World will be met with the most hearty approval, not only by this Grand Lodge as a body, and its officials as individuals, but also by every Freemason in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Following this the guest was made an Honorary Life Member of Missouri Grand Lodge and replied in most courteous and comprehensive terms saying among other things :

We are united in heart, united in principles, slightly different in practice but not in essentials, and nothing in the world can stand against the continued peace and order of the universe if English-speaking Freemasons understand each other, believe in each other, and act with each other in a friendly manner, determined to make the voice of the English-speaking nations sound throughout the world as a combined voice always raised in favor of a righteous and a just peace.

Most Worshippful Grand Master, we have as a part of the Masonic work under the Grand Lodge of England, something which I rejoice is a part of your own Masonic work in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri.

In England we care for the aged Freemasons and the widow of a Freemason; we take care of the orphan children of Freemasons. It is part of our pride that we do much work in that direction, and it is a work which we largely encourage, not only for adults, but for children. In those respects you and ourselves are the same, and ought we not each to ask the other why this is so? Why is it that wherever I travel, whether I go to any part of England or whether I go, as I have been going, to various States in America, we find that outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, unless there is an inward spiritual grace existing among us? That inward spiritual grace, indeed, is the soul of Freemasonry.

Missouri has on its roll the oldest Freemason in the world, and a picture of the Grand Master sitting with him on his 106th birthday is indeed unique.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master we find the following:

May the Junior Warden file a complaint against a Master Mason and still conduct the trial of the case? Yes.

May the Junior Warden file the formal charge without the charge first being made by a Master Mason in good standing? Yes.

One Brother has been denied a dimit, although clear on the books, because he was not financially able to meet certain private indebtedness. We instructed the Lodge to issue the dimit.

One Brother asks: (a) Does the Grand Lodge require every Master Mason to either wear a ring or lapel button signifying membership in Blue Lodge? Answer: No. (b) What is the proper way to wear a ring, with the compasses pointing to or from you, which hand? Answer: As you like it. (c) Is there an official ring for the third degree? Answer: If there is, we never heard of it.

In the conclusion of his address he says:

Freemasonry has, or at least always should have, whether we think of it as a whole or so many individuals or so many organizations in all its various ramifications, a unity of purpose, viz.: the building of men that they may build more men, and this unity of purpose can be realized only by unity of action; first, by the individuals of each organization; secondly, by the various affiliated Bodies of each Jurisdiction; and thirdly, by the very closest fraternal relations possible among the various Grand Jurisdictions.

There is a special initiation fee of \$10 for the benefit of the Masonic Home and from this fund \$46,310 was realized last year.

Grand Orator Stafford took as his fruitful subject:

"The Social Functions of Freemasonry," in which he drew a skillful and eloquent picture demonstrating that in the conduct of Freemasons rather than in their words was to be sought its fundamental teaching of Brotherhood, Faith, Hope and Constructive Effort; and that those who viewed askance our secrets of Ritual, fearing what it might conceal, would best be convinced of its nobility of purpose by the individual good conduct of each member thereof.



Bro. Stratton Brooks, President of the State University, gave an able address on

"Slaves of Habit." The previous speaker, he said, had shown how to make our Masonic obligations valuable by our conduct. This conduct became habitual by repetition, so that the permitting of a vicious thought, frequently repeated, would make the mind and conduct evil; while filling the mind continually with what is good bends the conduct similarly and makes the man who could truly be termed a Freemason. Into such a mind, he declared, ill-doing could not come; it would not be thought of.

This is interesting, as showing the widespread philanthropy of the Grand Lodge:

Again we are reporting in connection with the fatherless children of France, toward whose support this Grand Lodge has been contributing for the last six years.

The death is recorded with great sorrow of Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Kuhn, of Missouri, whose lasting memorial will be the genius and enthusiasm which he displayed as General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the United States. He died in his 75th year and the Grand Master pays this tribute:

Truly one of the noblest of the noblemen of our Fraternity has fallen and we shall not soon see his like again.

Truly he wore to the grave his Masonic apron just as it was handed to him at the altar—spotlessly white and wholly unsoiled by the grime or sin of this world. Let this Memorial be read in each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Correspondence Report is in the joint hands of Bro. C. C. Woods and Bro. Arthur Mather, and in union there is strength.

Of the Ku Klux Klan they say:

So far as we have noted among the various Grand Jurisdictions those recognizing the Klan in any way repudiate all connection with it, officially or socially.

They are inclined to be monitors of warning in this thoughtful paragraph:

From most of our Grand Jurisdictions there comes a note of regret, if not of strong complaint, that Ancient Craft Masonry no longer commands that respect and veneration which is really its due. It is the foundation and mother of all. Strictly speaking, there are no "higher degrees," and we say

this with all possible respect for other bodies in which we enjoy membership. But we cannot consent that the Lodge should be considered as a mere ante-room or introduction to that which is esteemed higher and better, and he who hurries through the sacred precincts of the Lodge room without beholding the form and beauty thereof, and steadily looking to the plume and the fez which loom up before his imagination, is not likely to become a Freemason in the highest sense of that term.

Canada, 1923, could not ask for a better and more generous report. In order that our Brethren may see how their Grand Masters are appreciated we modestly quote the following:

The address of the Grand Master is indeed a "master-piece," a "gem of purest ray serene," which fittingly brought to a close an administration of unusual popularity. M.W. Brother Ponton has drunk deeply of the ideals of our great Craft, and as one reads this remarkable document he feels more and more of the inestimable grandeur and dignity of our noble institution. Would that we had space to reproduce for our readers this remarkable "deliverance."

They do not fail to recognize also the practical and wonderful progress we have made and comment as follows:

The growth of the Fraternity in the Province of Ontario is wonderful. In 1855 there were but 41 Lodges, in 7 Districts, with no record of the actual membership. Today there are 537 Lodges, with a round hundred thousand members. The City of Toronto alone has more than 23,000 members—almost as many members as are in the City of St. Louis, but with a population of something like a third only. Masonry certainly "means something" to our neighbors north of us.

They describe the great meeting as an epochal occasion and say:

The speeches were marvellously stimulating, and filled with brilliant wit and tender pathos. Freemasonry was seen at its best in that memorable gathering, and the memory of it will abide for long days to come.

Of Foreign Correspondence our colleagues have this kindly word:

Owing to the extra duties, R.W. Brother Edward B. Brown, the Grand Correspondent, has been obliged to give up his chair, and the Report this year has been prepared by several brethren, principally, however, by W. Brother R. C. Blgrave, D.D. Speaking of his work, the Grand Master says: "Do our young Brethren realize what a treasure house of the Craft lore

is to be found in this Fraternal Correspondence which never grows old or stale? Volumes five years old are fresh and bracing. Next to a correspondence fixed with heaven, which as Burns says is a noble anchor, is correspondence with our great Brotherhood of every clime the world over, acting and reacting on one another—all for each, each for all."

Donald Sutherland represents Missouri in Canada and Rollin C. Blackmer of St. Louis represents Canada in Missouri.

The reports of the Masonic Home fill many pages. It is the pride of the men from Missouri:

Orestes Mitchell, St. Joseph, Grand Master.

Frank R. Jesse, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

## MONTANA

Charles Sidney Bell, Grand Master.

Membership 19,887. Gain 417.

Of Grand Master Bell his biographer says:

He labored zealously and faithfully for the upbuilding and advancement of every Masonic activity in our Treasure State and his work was pronounced perfect by the square of analysis in the hands of his Brethren. He was manly, courageous and firm, yet gentle, courteous, chivalrous. His life manifests his love for our Institution. To know him is to love him as a man, honor him as a Mason and respect him as a citizen. The Brethren of Montana have found his association as Grand Master most helpful, radiating good in all sincerity.

His portrait is expressive of his character and standing.

Special Communications were held at Butte, Great Falls, and other places to lay Cornerstones.

The Butte celebration of the new Masonic Temple was evidently "worth while."

From the address of M.W. Bro. Smith we are privileged to reprint a few extracts for our Brethren in Canada:

The example of our ancient brethren is worthy of following and it is fitting and proper that we are met here, this glorious September day, to invoke the blessings of God on

the work here to be done, and to leave memorials of this day and time, so that, when, after the lapse of ages and the ravages of time, the magnificent structure about to be erected here, shall have been laid waste and destroyed, a record of our doings and a story of our people may be found here.

But we are building more than a building, we are building a home, a shrine, where we may gather together in brotherly communion, a place to be dedicated to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, a building filled with the Spirit of Men.

"But you might as well never have builded at all,  
Never cleared off the bog and the fen,  
If after it's finished its sheltering wall,  
Doesn't stand for the spirit of men.

For it isn't the marble, nor is it the stone,  
Nor is it the columns of steel,  
By which is the worth of an edifice known,  
But by something that's living and real."

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Great Falls August 20th, 1924, when the Grand Master delivered a business-like address. With regard to higher Degrees, so-called, he says as to qualifying therefor with a sure foundation:

One of the best moves made in recent years to improve the quality of Masons was to compel all brothers to wait one year after being raised before applying for any other branch of recognized Masonry in Montana.

From some quarters comes opposition to this beneficial law or order. No one should object to, obstruct or hinder in any way the things which are helping Masonry in general. We are not making Masons only for the almighty dollar nor to rush them through the Masonic quarry. We want them to be real men and real workers in the field.

He attended the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and says with regard to their meeting:

I was inspired with the simplicity, yet dignity and ease with which the affairs of the Grand Lodge were handled.

As to financial relief and request for donations he takes a firm standing:

A Mason in distress should exhaust his own resources first. Some cases have been presented where it was shown that the Lodge wherein membership was held had done nothing to relieve distress. Such requests coming to us under these circumstances have not been complied with.



There are ways of extending Charity and assistance other than by the lavish showering of money. Let us practice more of what the forefathers in Masonry considered Charity.

He has equally strong views on the De Molay and kindred organizations and says:

One of the greatest dangers to the perpetuity of the Masonic Fraternity in the United States is the allowing of the De Molays to come into their respective Jurisdictions. Who, in this state, gave permission to take unto the Fraternity a kindergarten? It is a kindergarten, pure and simple. The boys in the De Molay are given to understand that when they become of age, they should apply to the so-called Blue Lodge for admission. These boys even refer to themselves as junior Masons, and some sponsors do not know any better than to allow such talk. Have we lost all respect for certain Landmarks of Masonry? Does Masonry have to solicit for members? It looks to me as if the fathers and mothers of these boys are passing the care of their children on to mighty inexperienced hands in many cases. Have you ever analyzed the ritual of the De Molays? If not, it will be well to do so. Or if you have, why, as a Mason, do you sit idly by and allow the Masonic institution to be blamed for making the young of the country intolerant in religious matters? If that is what you desire, then you have lost the viewpoint about the aims and designs of what Masonry is. Are any of you men willing to admit that you cannot, in your homes, give your child that home training that he should have?

There is a girls' organization which hold their meetings in Masonic lodge rooms. They, among other things, have an open Bible in their home, placed there by the Daughters of the Rainbow. Why should outsiders have to place Bibles in homes? This girls' organization, like the boys' organization, has done one thing, and that is, created jobs for several at headquarters.

As to ill-advised publicity, he says, and we will all agree:

Many members of this Fraternity discuss Masonry in meetings that are not Masonic, and even talk Masonry on the street in the presence of the profane.

With regard to Masonic emblems and Shrine Clubs, etc., he says:

A certain Shrine Temple, having in charge local dances, advertised "Masonic Dances." It is true that the attendance was confined to Masons and their ladies, yet the public took it for granted that the Masonic Lodge or Lodges were giving the dances. We cannot say, as might have been in vogue in times gone by, "To hell with the public." We must realize that the public sometimes gets the wrong impression and

Masonry suffers, as the result. Ancient Craft Masonry should not be held responsible for what some Shriners might do at a dance.

The Club House at one of the college buildings in Bozeman wanted to use the square and compass on the club building. The Brother asking permission was requested not to use it.

They have in several United States Jurisdictions difficulty over the assertion of sovereign autonomy by constituent Lodges and the results are not always satisfactory. The Grand Master recommends:

I recommend that this Grand Lodge make a provision in our Code, prohibiting Lodges to petition Congress in any manner, shape or form.

With regard to financial aid by Lodges to concerns not Masonic he gives his view as to duplicating:

From my point of view, there is altogether too much duplication of work in many lines, that seek to relieve distress in its various forms. If state institutions maintained by the State of Montana for the unfortunate do not function as they should, it is our duty as citizens to use our influence to correct the evils and stop as much duplication in the same kind of work as possible.

Of membership on paper he says:

The Grand Secretary will tell you many things of interest when he reads his annual report. In passing I want to tell you that our gain in membership is 417. This signifies nothing unless these 417 men have the viewpoint of what Masonry is.

I realize that the teachings of Masonry are intended to make Masons the highest class of citizenship.

On the other hand, I realize that within our ranks there are thousands of men who are the salt of the earth, but why should they be besmirched by the actions of the minority? Masonic ideals are of the highest type and we must maintain them. Let us clean out from our ranks the man who will not live the life that a Mason should.

As to free and frank discussion in Grand Lodge he invites all to speak their mind:

Our Grand Lodge meetings are open forums, conducted in a dignified way and it is the duty of all members to express themselves freely without fear or favor with the hope that we may be guided correctly in every way. I hope that all will take advantage of the opportunity.

The Grand Master of North Dakota was heartily welcomed, as was the Governor of the State of Montana, who in his response spoke both as Governor and as Craftsman:

Masonry! I am not going to enter into any eulogy on Masonry at this time. I have always been proud of the fact that I am a Mason. In fact, as I took the Chapter Degrees and some years later the Scottish Rite, thirty years of Masonic membership to me have brought many tender recollections and friendships, extending throughout nearly one-third of a century and whatever is left in life, will certainly not be forgotten. Sometimes I fear we take our Masonic obligations a little too lightly. Sometimes I wonder whether or not we wipe out all of the mental reservation, in fact, when we take the obligation.

As to education and youth Brother Swayne in a long address, said, in part:

We must do the best we can today, and tomorrow proceed in the light of today's experience.

Grand Chaplain Wolfe reported humorously, yet thoughtfully, upon his recent trip to the Emerald Isle and kept the Brethren smiling with milesian anecdotes. His comments were shrewd as well as gay. We quote a few passages:

We found the Irish just as funny as they ever were. I think I would never go back to Ireland again without taking a stenographer with me, so that we might take down the common, everyday, everlastingly funny things that these people say.

Let me tell you of one case that came to my notice while in Ireland, in McGraw. A man named Moriarity was accused of a crime. Now, McGraw was the headquarters of the clan Moriarity and when the case was called for trial eleven of the men on the jury were Moriaritys, the case was proven against the man, and this is an actual fact, they brought in this verdict: "Not guilty, with a strong recommendation for mercy."

Now, they have, or think they have, no use for prohibition over there, and yet there is a very great effort to cut down the number of licenses. For instance, while I was in Ireland, in the Irish Parliament, or Dail, as they call it over there, there was introduced a so-called temperance bill. The Roman Catholic total abstinence society in a published statement called the bill "Tinkering with Tragedy." It was an effort to cure a mad dog by cutting off an inch of his tail, just as we tried in this country.

With regard to the one and only so-called lady Mason, he had an interesting experience:

"In pious memory of the Hon. Elizabeth Aldworth, wife of Richard Aldworth, of New Market Court, County Cork, Esq.

"Daughter of Arthur, 1st Viscount Doneraile. Her remains lie close to this spot.

"Born 1695; died 1775. "

"Initiated into Freemasonry, Lodge No. 44, at Doneraile Court, in this county A.D., 1712."

I was standing by the grave of the only woman that was ever made a Mason!

Montana is represented by R.W. Bro. George Naylor, of Ingersoll, and R.W. Bro. George P. Porter, of Helena, represents us in Montana.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by M.W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, P.G.M., and he says that he has reviewed all volumes received.

Canada does not appear among the number, although nearly all other Provinces outside Ontario are shortly reported on.

He not merely quotes but expresses his opinions.

Under California he says:

The Masonic Club of the University of California is certainly a piece of fine constructive work of the Grand Lodge; we note that over \$50,000 have already been expended by the Grand Lodge toward the completion of the building at Berkeley; we know that it will do Masonry a great deal of good to help this most worthy cause.

His point of view may be gathered from his comments under Iowa:

We are taking far too many men into the Order who do not know what an earnest thought means, and who care less. Far too many who have neither the brains nor the desire, to see back of the symbol to the great idea thereby symbolized. These men lie within the belly of the Order like leaden lumps that will not be digested and they are not an asset, but a liability.

And it is these very "side orders" that lure these light-headed liabilities within our fold—bad cess to them! and at a time when, God knows we don't need them, but do need earnest men.

If by any chance this mushroom growth of these Masonic side-shows results in any way from a reaction against a hum-



drum and lifeless recital of the ritual by mechanical Masons who have no idea of the meaning of the words that glide so glibly from their lips, then the remedy is not far to seek.

The able conclusion of his review indicates to us the style and depth of our colleague and we wish that we had come within the length of his cable tow.

This is his benediction and message:

What impressed us most is the fact that most of the jurisdictions are seeking to inquire more intimately into the character and standing of applicants by means of added questions in the petition, and more thorough reports of Investigation Committees; this is a step in the right direction, particularly needed in the larger centers of population.

"Education" has become the watchword of the Masonic world; education of the members in Masonic lore and tradition; education as a national remedy for public ills; education of Masonic orphans; each of these are worthy of Masonic idealism and reality.

The storm raised against the Klan is subsiding; let us mind our own affairs and let the Klan look out for its own salvation.

Homes for aged and infirm Masons, widows and orphans are rapidly multiplying; benevolent help at the individual's home does not seem to meet with the success such as Homes provide; theoretically it seems better, but practically it does not work well; with a large number of dependents the overhead expenses decrease proportionately and funds can go further in care at a Home than they would at each individual aid scattered over many points.

The period of apparent unrest in the world seems to call for much comment; we are optimistic and believe that the world is really better; we meet new problems with a better understanding; the veils have been removed from our eyes and our vision is clearer and the destiny of our land and institutions, the high standards of our civilization are safe, so long as we have three millions of patriotic citizens in the Masonic lodges to stand as sentinels to keep off all cowans seeking to mar the harmony of our onward progress.

May it ever be thus, and Masonry's share shall be more than a mere tithe.

M. W. Harlon L. Hart, Helena, Grand Master.

R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA

M.W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master.

Membership 39,585. Net gain 943.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Omaha, June 3rd, 1924, in the Masonic Temple.

A special train was engaged at the opening session to carry the brethren to the Nebraska Masonic Home for laying the corner stone of the new Infirmary.

The address of the Grand Master is not long but is concentrated. Several thoughts are worth our perusal and consideration, such as:

Time speeds by so swiftly that when we pause to reflect we sometimes feel we cannot comprehend its flight, and we are confronted with the ever serious and important fact that man with all of his achievements, with all of his learning, with all of his acquired power, cannot arrest nor hold a single instant of time. We are therefore concerned not so much with the flight of time as with the more important question: Have we employed it as it should have been used and thus laid the foundation for improvement of time in the days to come?

Tomorrow — today — yesterday: expectation — activity — retrospection; ah, how soon the human life is ended, yet how lasting its influence.

He quotes from the last Masonic speech of President Harding as follows:

I am a confirmed optimist as to the growth of the spirit of brotherhood. Science and genius are lending their aid to the removal of the obstacles to intercourse and attending understanding among the peoples of the world. We do rise to heights, at times, when we look for the good rather than the evil in others, and give consideration to the views of all. The inherent love of fellowship is banding men together, and when envy and suspicion are vanquished, fraternity records a triumph, and brotherhood brings a new blessing to men and to peoples in the larger sense.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth has since its establishment held a large place in the hearts and minds of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and is worthy of increased consideration and support. The Home has at all times been satisfactorily and ably managed.

The Home is a work of the Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, in which they have every right to take a true and proper Masonic pride. The Masonic Home is beautifully situated amid pleasant surroundings, and the brethren of the Craft may indeed take a true joy in rendering every possible assistance to the promotion of this work.

The work of this Grand Lodge under the heading of what is commonly designated as Masonic charities, in addition to the work at Plattsmouth and Fremont, is carried on through the instrumentality of our Committees on Children's Homes and Relief and Care of Orphans.

He disciplined a Master of a Lodge for indiscretion, arresting his jewel and placing the Lodge in charge of the Senior Warden. Afterwards, however, by request of the brethren he restored him to his rights in view of his subsequent exemplary conduct and also because there had been no actual proof of guilt.

The Grand Master disapproves of gift enterprises, especially in form of punch-boards, and says:

In addition to the provisions of our law, the principle involved in this method of raising money is unmasonic and wrong, and if generally employed by the Masonic institution it would probably be but a question of time until there would be a reaction with a train of evils and with injury to the Fraternity.

Among his decisions we quote one that would be impossible in Canada:

A Lodge may hold a meeting on St. Johns Day to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of the Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of the officers of the Lodge.

Like the Father, Son and Daughter Nights in Canada, Nebraska has its Old Folks at Home Celebrations, of which the Grand Master appealingly speaks thus:

Wherever duty or opportunity of service may bid and lead one, whether it be far or near, there is always the thought of home and of home folks, and there is a peculiar and helpful feeling brought into the life of each of us by a realization that the folks at home are interested and watching and ready to render any possible assistance, and it is my desire to communicate to the brethren of the Craft my deep appreciation of home folks.

The home has been exalted through the teachings and precepts of our Craft and its place is made more important as civilization advances, and the advancement of civilization is in a large way dependent upon the home. Around it are clustered the fondest memories of life; in it are advanced the highest ideals and the things most worth while. As we build in the homes of our families, so should we build in our community homes, those things which are helpful, uplifting, and beneficial. That which strikes at the home of the family strikes at organized society, and that which endangers the community home life, and spirit, in like measure, strikes at those things which are fundamental and should under every condition be protected and safeguarded.

In his conclusion we have this appeal:

Let us continue in true recognition of constituted authority, and in support of law and order. Let us remember that the rights of freemen are protected by the justice of freemen by themselves administered, and that ultimately right will prevail, and justice will always triumph. Let us ever press forward with confidence.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The Grand Custodian says many good things. The report is altogether unique. From it we quote:

If you are really a Master Mason, I doff my hat to you, my brother, as you are the first Master Mason I ever met.

No, in this day and age, I have observed that there are a good many Masonic levels, governed by superficial titles and meaningless badges, making too many castes to meet on a common level of humanity. When, in fact, there is but one Masonic level, and you have to climb to a very high altitude to reach it. You can not come down to it.

After the laying of the corner-stone of the new Infirmary, a noble oration was delivered by W. Bro. Webster, from which we take these paragraphs:

From distant homes we have gathered to unite in a service "more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle," a service that carries us far back beyond the earliest dawning of recorded time, where, from out the shadows of pre-historic ages, the archæologists of today are excavating the remains of corner-stones which were laid so long ago that the mind is staggered in the effort to count the years which have come and gone since primeval man gathered, as we have done today, to consecrate the rearing of an altar to his gods.

Masons of today would not think of our God as confined within the limits of a block of granite, nor does he dwell far off in some distant heaven.



"We need not rise above this mundane sphere,  
 We need not 'neath the briny deep descend,  
 To find the Deity; but on the path  
 Where blind Bartimaeus begs, the Lord is seen;  
 Where sorrow dwells the Master, too, abides;  
 Builders of 'House not made with hands' look out  
 At every window and behold the Lord!"

Their ceremony was accompanied with shrieks and cries of tortured victims. Our service rings with songs of rejoicing and praise.

This change from wailing to worship took place before the time of Job, for Jehovah asks him: Who laid the corner-stone of the earth; "*when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*" Clearly indicating that, in Job's day, the laying of a corner-stone was a jubilee of song.

We are not building a charitable institution. This is a *home*. Those within its walls are not inmates. They are *residents*. The brother who comes here for rest and recreation is not a pauper. He is our "*Buddy*," who has fallen at our side in the terrific battle of life, and with tenderest care and sympathy we would lift him in the arms of love, bear him from the field of carnage, and give to him a comrade's cheer and nursing.

Then let us ever remember our solemn Masonic pledge:

"Hold him up; stand like a column;  
 Hold him up; there's good stuff in him;  
 Hold him with his head toward Heaven;  
 Hold him with the *lion's grip*."

Grand Orator Carman delivered an oration on the Three Ruffians, from which we take the following:

The "Old Tyler" says something worth while when he speaks of how his mother makes a cake, the care she takes in breaking each egg, first into a separate dish to see just what sort of an egg it is, for she knows that one bad egg broken into a whole pan of good ones may spoil every good egg in the pan. If we are to have genuine Masons, men of character, brethren who conscientiously keep their obligations taken in due form, men must be made to understand before they knock at the outer door that it means something to be a Mason.

Masonry is not a religion, nor is the lodge a church, but Masonry is religious.

Today three ruffians are attacking the very heart of our America. The first ruffian we will name is "Godless Thinking and Godless Living." A knowledge of and yielding to the teachings of our Great Light will successfully overcome this treacherous enemy.

While there is considerable opposition to the reading of the Bible in our schools, such opposition is surely decreasing. The advocates of the use of the Bible in the schools allege at least two good reasons why it should be read:

First—The Bible is woven into the very fibre of our best literature.

Second—The Bible is the mighty hand book of democracy.

The second ruffian of whom mention will be made is "Ignorance," and this, like the first treacherous enemy named, will be overcome by a practical application of the truths and teachings of Freemasonry.

The third ruffian is "Lawlessness," whether he be manifest in the apparently trivial disregard for discipline and disregard for law and constituted authority, or be grown to full stature and thereafter known as anarchy.

In Nebraska they have a committee on the Promotion of the World's peace, which is doing inspiring service.

Canada is represented by Bro. John R. Webster, from whose wonderful address we have already quoted, and Nebraska is represented by R.W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, of Toronto.

R.W. Bro. John A. Ehrhardt is in charge of the Foreign Correspondence, making his ninth annual report in concentrated form. We are sorry that he omits any reference to our Grand Lodge of Canada. Do you not know us in Nebraska? We know you well and like you.

From his introduction we get his opinions on several matters:

The Greek Orator, Seneca, said: "The gods never give a man the wisdom of experience, without withdrawing the vitality of Youth." How conscious I am of this!

The careful perusal of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges during the past Masonic year will demonstrate that on the question of the Ku Klux Klan, they are using the "soft pedal" instead of the forcible language employed in former proceedings. To my mind this is a grievous mistake.

My observation of the Mystic Shrine from the outside in years past led me to believe there was no justification for its existence, but in their work in the establishment and maintenance of their hospitals for crippled children they seem to have abandoned their so-called playground and are doing real Masonic service.

Virginia gives him the following:

During the year, thirty-six corner-stones were laid by the Craft.

The conclusion of the Grand Master's address is worthy of quotation:

Masonry occupies a sphere peculiarly its own. It is a silent but nevertheless potential and constructive force for good. It makes no effort to interfere with the religious belief of any member of the Craft. It selects for no man the manner in which he shall worship his Maker; designates no particular church in which he shall offer up his devotions; it erects no form of altar on which he must make his oblation, but leaves his religious principles a matter for his own conscience to prescribe.

M.W. Robert R. Dickson, O'Neill, Grand Master.

R.W. Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

## NEVADA

Silas E. Ross, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 2,629. Net gain 108.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication was held at Reno, June 11, 1924. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were honoured in the Grand East. Flower greetings were received from the Regents of the State University and others.

The Grand Master's address showed that much constructive work had been done during the year. He says:

Time like a mighty river flows on unceasingly. Day succeedeth day; month unto month until the tale of the year is told.

His In Memoriam paragraphs are touching:

These Brethren kept the faith and have received the reward that awaits all true and devoted followers of the Great Architect of the Universe. They leave memories dear, the record of duty well performed and the inspiration to rededicate our lives to the service of mankind.

He was an assiduous visitor and with regard to the social side he says:

Your Grand Master was banqueted bounteously and often by the brethren everywhere, but he regrets that he did not take more

seriously the admonition of his predecessor, Past Grand Master Edward C. Peterson, "to acquire an enormous appetite and be able to eat early, often, late and hearty."

The average attendance has improved. The brethren are interested, active and true to the ideals of Masonry; each recognizing his responsibility as a citizen and Mason and making the best of his great opportunity for service to Community, State and Nation.

Sixty per cent. of the lodges own their lodge rooms.

He thoroughly investigated the Masonic Service Association and this is his verdict.

Purpose: The purpose of the Association is to "serve mankind, through education, enlightenment, financial relief, Masonic visitation, ministering to, comforting and relieving members of the Fraternity and their dependents, particularly in times of distress and disaster, whether caused by war, pestilence, famine, fire, flood, earthquake or other calamity."

The Masonic Service Association, in my opinion, is now preserving Masonic traditions; is awakening every Mason to greater appreciation of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and his obligations to his home and his country and is endeavoring to acquaint him with those organizations and their methods that are endeavoring to strike at the foundations of government and undermine our institutions.

Under Education he very truly says:

Education and Enlightenment are synonymous with Masonry, for as Masons we are seekers of truth and spreaders of light. A vital aim of the Craft is universal education.

The greatest menace of Government is popular ignorance. If a nation is to live it must be supported by progressive enlightenment.

From his conclusion we take this paragraph:

It has been my pleasure during the past year to travel from the Pacific to the Atlantic and from the Lakes to the Gulf. I have stopped in many Jurisdictions and conferred with a number of Grand Masters and other leaders of Masonic thought. I've traveled from West to East and from East to West again in search of further light in Masonry. My observations have led me to conclude that this has been a year of progress for Masonry.

We do not often find Grand Secretaries pass beyond the statistical into the realm of the ideal, but Nevada in R.W. Bro. Vanderleith has no ordinary Secretary. He says:

Brethren, the call is insistent that we as Craftsmen give heed to individuality, greater courage and more of service. Individuality



very properly is the test of Masonry, for, in the long run, the worth of an institution is the worth of the individuals comprising it. Each one of us should reflect what Masonry has given to us and help in inspiring others, and if we would hasten the march toward better days, as individuals, we must with greater courage give more of service inspired by the things of the spirit. Let me quote from one of the great books of the year, "American Individualism," by Brother Herbert Hoover:

"Spirituality with its faith, its hope, its charity, can be increased by each individual's own effort. And in proportion as each individual increases his own store of spirituality, in that proportion he increases the idealism of democracy. Our individualism insists upon the Divine in each human being. It rests upon the firm faith that the Divine spark can be awakened in every human heart."

The Grand Representative of Canada did not appear.

In the reply by the Grand Representative of York Mexico to the address of the Grand Master he said:

We come to you, not as heralds or envoys, to seek some favor at your hands, but, as the name signifies, as Representatives, to mingle with you in fraternal comradeship, principally to gain knowledge, which, I believe, is the wages of a Freemason.

This my Brethren is my conception of Masonry. When a man is admitted into our ranks it should immediately become the duty of every Mason to instill in him the foundation and tenets of Freemasonry. At that time he is in a receptive mood and while in that state of mind should be given plenty of food for thought.

The Great Seal of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico bears the date A. L. 5865, and since its formation the genuine Masonry has been taught; and its principal tenets like ours are threefold.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and afterwards reported on by them favourably and adopted.

Resolved, That no Master Mason under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall promote, organize or become a member of any order or fraternal society, hereafter established in this Jurisdiction, whose qualification for membership is that of being a Master Mason unless such order or fraternal society shall have received the sanction endorsement or recognition of this Grand Lodge.

The Memorial pages in remembrance of deceased Brethren are unique and each group is preceded by special poetic selections from which we take the following:

Behind the pinions of the Seraphim,  
 Whose wings flame out upon the swinging spheres,  
 There is a voice that speaks the numbered years,  
 Until that Day when all comes back to Him;

O Angels of Glad Laughter and of Song,  
 Your voices sound so near, the little wall  
 Can scarcely hide the trees that bend and nod;  
 Unbar the gate for you have waited long  
 To show the Garden that was made for all—  
 Where all is safe beneath the Smile of God.

"I tell you they have not died,  
 Their hands clasp yours and mine,  
 They are now but glorified,  
 They have become divine.  
 They live! They know! They see!  
 They shout with every breath:  
 All is eternal life!  
 There is no death!"

Bro. Frank Bell represents Canada in Nevada and  
 V.W. Bro. W. R. Ledger represents Nevada in Canada.

The Correspondence Review is written by a master hand, E. D. Vanderleith being both Grand Secretary and Grand Commissioner. He is without doubt one of the three most original reviewers at the Round Table and his report always teems with interest.

Under Alberta he gives the following words of counsel and encouragement:

Like Nevada, Alberta's Grand Lodge in all matters of benevolence acts as an auxiliary to the constituent lodges. The Grand Lodge should have a fund contributed to by the local lodges but the lodges themselves should see to it that dues are fixed which will enable them to meet running expenses and set aside a goodly sum for charitable uses each year. Above all, Craftsmen, be not content with what the Lodge may do in the way of relief, but be ready always with a sympathetic interest in the Brother's welfare—it is the loving visits, the encouraging word, the cheery smile, the little personal attentions that count. Life, after all, is but a round of little things. Smiles, kindnesses and small obligations are the moving factors in winning the heart, soothing aches and carrying comfort.

Under Arizona as under every other Jurisdiction he gives original comments. Hear him:

From our reading of last year's messages of Grand Masters, there is a unanimity of opinion that the Fraternity shall not be used as a means of propagating the order of the Klan. Leaders of the Klan forgot their manhood, and honesty and truth in leadership when they proclaimed that the Masonic Fraternity was backing the

Klan and claimed that fully ninety per cent. of its members were Masons.

British Columbia gives him food for thought and he gives us his thoughts.

We have come to the conclusion from our experience that Masonry's position on this question should be given greater attention. It is a regrettable fact that in the mind of the general public there is a growing belief that Freemasonry is a beneficial organization, and not a few of our members of recent years are imbued with a similar belief. Our public, get the idea that membership carries with it sick and disability allowances or a pension in old age. It is our duty to see, as well as to know, that our candidates get a right conception of what Masonry really means; that its primary purposes are to enlighten the mind, to awaken and arouse the noble and uplifting impulses of the heart, to build character, to promote brotherly love, and that its charity is intended for those who, from unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Canada is not merely courteously reviewed in friendly spirit but generously, both with quotations and comments. He introduces his review thus:

Canada always presents a worthy volume of Proceedings, well arranged, neatly printed and abounding in truths that look forward and in works that uplift.

After the scholarly address of last year we know what to expect from Grand Master Wm. N. Ponton, and this year's surpasses the high standard set a year ago.

From its opening paragraphs we cull these lines, a worthy call to the Craft to look forward and to lend a hand.

We receive his praise also in the following:

We admire this bit of truth and thankfulness, keeping abreast with the times:

"Thank God we Masons have had the courage and vision to abrogate the old operative requirement (it was never a landmark) of physical perfection.

He approves our recommendation for more music and with regard to the reports on Correspondence by R. W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrove D.D., he says:

We like the larger use of music in the lodges of Canada. Music breathes harmony and makes for order. Unconsciously the ceremonies and ritual move in stately measure to its notes; some chord is touched and the mind and heart respond.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances it became impossible for Bro. E. B. Brown to review the fraternal correspondence and the

work was divided among several brethren. The work is excellently done throughout. Nevada's review is initialed "R. C. B." which we are interpreting "R. C. Blgrave." His work reflects the skill gained by long service as a writer. He has forward-looking views and expresses them forcibly in the reviews signed "R. C. B."

He views Nevada as an empire in itself and has warm words of commendation for Grand Master Louis G. Campbell.

Of the Commissioner of Review he kindly says:

"He gives an excellent survey full of interest and bright with discussion on topics of special interest. It is rather a critique and provides notes and opinions of value to the whole Craft. He heads each Grand Lodge report with an apt paragraph of wisdom and worth from great minds everywhere."

He has found a rich nugget under the Northern District of China whose centre is Shanghai—so much in troublous evidence at present, and he adds to our knowledge of the *full* consecration by giving the significant words regarding the salt and the incense as follows:

The ceremony of consecration is like ours, save that after the three rounds of corn, wine and oil, a round with salt and with censer are added, as follows:

"FOURTH ROUND—'And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with Salt; neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering; with all thine offerings thou shalt offer Salt.'

"The Brethren then sang:

"Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy conservant Power;  
And may Thy Presence, Lord, we pray,  
Keep this our Temple from decay."

"The Consecrating Officer: 'I scatter Salt on this Lodge, the Emblem of Hospitality and Friendship; and may Prosperity and Happiness attend this Temple until Time shall be no more.'

"FIFTH ROUND—Chaplain recited, with Censer: 'And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning; when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it, and when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.'

"Anthem:

"Oh how amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou Lord of hosts!"

Of Education he says at another page:

The Committee on Educational Service is composed of workers, men who realize that education should be as broad as man. They



believe in awakening the mind to the desire to learn and their efforts have been along the best lines. Education should cultivate the best within us, strengthen the desire to be useful and good, and show the way to freely give of what we acquire, for the welfare of others.

The power and the appropriateness of prayer have never been more finely defined than by our colleague under Kansas and we take this long quotation:

Some of our Brother reviewers have expressed a strong dislike for printed prayers. We are not of them. Masonry teaches us to pray and shows us that the Divine Wisdom has given us prayer as a means of expressing a belief in Him. Furthermore, it is the most distinctive act by which we mortals recognize our immortality.

"Wherefore let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain—, night and day.  
For what are men better than sheep or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the brain,  
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer  
Both for themselves and those who call them friend."

The fault lies not so much with prayer, nor the printed prayer, as with the author of the prayer. He who prays should draw near to God with a true heart and in full assurance of faith. His petitions should be general, short, conditional and modest. The Lord's Prayer is without an equal or a rival. Above all he should pray with understanding, able to "shape the channel and teach the gushing streams of devotion where to flow and when to stop."

And Brethren all, if we will but heed these thoughtful words of Jeremy Taylor, our prayers will rise a sweet incense to our Maker and would do no harm in print:

"When we pray for any virtue, we should cultivate the virtue as well as pray for it; the form of your prayers should be the rule of your life; every petition to God is a precept to man. Look not, therefore, upon your prayers as a short method of duty and salvation only, but as a perpetual monition of duty; by what we require of God we see what He requires of us."

And then the final rallying summons to action:

The message for the coming year urges that we stand firmer in our duty to the principles of the Order; that we be more faithful to truth and right and that we place greater trust in God for help and power.

Then, Brethren, with renewed courage, let us—

"With friendly eyes,  
salute God's world each  
day; with friendly  
hands, help lift the ones  
who fall; with friendly  
thoughts, speak words

of truth; with friendly  
hearts, believe there's  
good in all; with honest  
soul, seek friendship  
with thy God  
and strive more loyally  
for the Brotherhood  
of Man."

Edward A. Ducker, Carson City, Grand Master.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

M.W. LeBaron Wilson, Grand Master.

Membership 5,598. Increase 235.

A very handsome photogravure of Grand Master Wilson, who was re-elected, adorns the Proceedings.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall in the City of St. John, 23rd August, 1923.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the 24th Psalm was chanted.

Canada's representative was not present.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following:

I trust that our Fraternity will fulfil its mission and go forward for the elevation of mankind. Let us today thank the God of our Fathers and our God for the way in which he has led our Fraternity.

Among his recommendations we are glad to read, and to know that afterwards it was unanimously approved by Grand Lodge:

I, therefore, earnestly recommend that the Grand Lodge place a per capita tax of one dollar on each member of the Jurisdiction for five years, which will in that time free Grand Lodge of its bonded indebtedness and enable Grand Lodge to carry on the grand benevolent purposes for which we, as a Craft, stand.

A strange case is cited by the Grand Master with regard to a former member of the Forestry Corps who presented his credentials from a Scottish Lodge through the Grand Secretary of Scotland but:

When, however, the officers of Hiram Lodge questioned him as to his experiences it was found that he retained no recollection of what he had heard, seen or done, while receiving the two degrees, could answer no questions nor make any explanations. Hiram Lodge had, therefore, taken no action.

Canada has the honour of being represented by Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., a well known lawyer and member of the House of Commons. J. A. C. Anderson, Toronto, represents New Brunswick.

Many most interesting pages are devoted to the laying of the Cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in the City of Moncton, 17th October, 1923.

The order of procession and the Ritual are given in full with the music.

From the address of R.W. Brother Dickson on behalf of the builders we take this interesting paragraph:

We do not expect that this building will be as imposing in architecture, beauty or magnificent grandeur as those structures built in the long ago by our ancient brethren when Freemasonry was more operative than speculative, but we hope to show that the arts and sciences of the east are not lost, and that this building with its columns, its pilasters, its porch, its pillars, and its winding stair leading to the middle chamber, will bear some of the character of that ancient temple of King Solomon, and that when it is completed it will be an honour to our fraternity and a credit to our City—a building that will be a landmark for every stranger within our gates, and one our brethren from other lands will view with admiration.

Among the odes that were sung was the following:

“Grant Gracious Lord that we  
Craftsmen in unity  
Thy blessing sweet  
May ask, as here ascends  
This temple to Thy ends  
For God, and Home and Friends  
The bond complete.”

The Grand Master having delivered the working tools to the Architect said:

Know all of you who hear me: We proclaim ourselves free and lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, professing to fear God and to confer benefits to mankind; we practice universal beneficence towards all; we have secrets concealed from the eyes of men which may not be revealed to any but Masons; they are, however, lawful and honorable; unless our craft was good and our calling honorable these secrets would not have existed for so many genera-

tions, nor should we have had so many illustrious personages as brethren of our order, always ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our welfare. We are assembled in the broad face of open day, under the canopy of Heaven, to build a Temple of Masonry. May God prosper our handiwork, as it shall most please Him.

R.W. Bro. Bridges, LL.D., Principal of the Provincial Normal School, delivered the oration and among other loyal sentiments he revived this memory:

Referring to the second battle of Ypres in the World War in which the Canadian Corps played such a heroic part, the speaker made fitting reference to the statement made by Lord Birkenhead who said that the Canadians there compared equally with men of Thermopylae. "Thou shalt not pass."

R.W. Bro. Masters addressed the Grand Master as follows:

It is the Cornerstone of our Home, that is to be an evidence handed down to generations to come of our Faith and Hope, with a prayer that our Charity may never cease.

The Knights Templar furnished a guard of honour and everything was done with due dignity and decorum.

There is no detailed Correspondence Report.

M.W. LeBaron Wilson, St. John, Grand Master.

R.W. J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

M.W. Brother William Thompson, Grand Master.

Membership 50,638. Increase 5,601. Lodges 437.

A special Communication was held July 6th, 1922, at which the Grand Master was proclaimed for the ninth year in succession. In his address he says:

I feel that I have had, to a very great extent, to sacrifice my home life to say nothing of my profession and a very safe seat in Parliament; but I have made these sacrifices on the principle that one should practise what one preaches, and the one thing I have especially been endeavouring to preach to my Brethren is the great virtue of self-sacrifice.

We have grown from 20,477 in 1914, to 45,000 in this year of grace, showing an increase, roughly speaking, of 25,000. One naturally feels intense pleasure at this wonderful growth in the number of adherents, and it is all the more gratifying when one



realises that Freemasonry never occupied a higher plane in the estimation of the general public than it does to-day; and when one regards the meticulous care that all our Lodges are now taking with regard to the admission of material, as contrasted with the utter want of caution in this respect exhibited in the past. I wanted to make it harder to be accepted in a Masonic Lodge than to gain admission to any other body of men imaginable, and this is now done by our system of Investigation Committees in every Lodge. Human nature is a very peculiar thing, and nothing easy seems to us to be of any value whatever. If gold were lying about in the streets it would not be considered worth the picking up, and, conversely, by making admission to our Order difficult, we make it the more desirable of attainment. If we are careful to see that no one can gain admission unless he be a well-proved man of good character and qualities, that is the way to make all the better elements in the community eager to join us, because they realise that there must be something very good in Masonry when it is so difficult to become a Mason. Nearly every Lodge has now its own Masonic Temple. £107,000 in eight years is a wonderful increase. Eight years ago, when I brought the project of the Temple forward, I estimated that we should be free of debt by 1925. I was well within the mark, because in two months' time this Temple will not owe a penny-piece to Grand Lodge. It will be all paid for. I hope Grand Lodge will allot all these guineas to the upkeep of our great chairty, the Masonic Schools at Baulkham Hills, after making due provision for the upkeep and maintenance of this building.

Our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Arthur Bray, has occupied that position now for 34 years, and everything that has transpired in the office of this Grand Lodge is stored up in the archives of his memory. A more loyal and devoted friend never existed, and his services are invaluable to me. I often remind him in jest of the painful fact that he was formerly a schoolmaster, for we have a jocular saying in the Grand Lodge office that if there be any little trouble in a Lodge look first for the schoolmaster, and, failing him, the clergyman or the policeman. However, Bro. Howie has completely succeeded.

Canada's Grand Representative was absent.

A Quarterly Communication was held September 13th, 1922, at Sydney.

V.W. Bro. Soul presented the Lodge Trustees at Strathfield with a Masonic Temple which cost £7000 Sterling, ready equipped.

W. Bro. Kolling announced a great benefaction of £100,000 to erect and maintain a Masonic College at Moss Vale. Under this deed of gift considerable work was done upon the College and the Home but the conditions imposed by W. Bro. Kolling and his interference with the Committee and the Officials rendered it impossible to go on with the project so that the whole

matter wound up in a fiasco so far as the "benefaction" was concerned, and is now in Court for settlement. We rather gather that it was an "Indian gift".

From the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we take this encouraging item:

The ritualistic work throughout has been of a high standard, and I have found that the Investigation Committees are very keen on their duties, and consequently only material of the highest moral status is gaining admission.

A Quarterly Communication was held in Sydney, December 13th, 1922. Several foundation stones were reported as laid.

A magnificent Bioscope valued at £200 was presented to the Baulkham Hill Schools, the pride of the Fraternity; also many other gifts.

A fine presentation was made to the M.W. the Grand Master which is thus reported:

M.W. Grand Master, on behalf of my Association and the Brethren of New South Wales, I now hand you this cheque for £1,131/14/1. We ask you, M.W. Grand Master, to accept this cheque with an assurance that it is not in any way intended as a recompense for the magnificent services rendered by you, but as a token of our regard and esteem. I feel proud this evening to be one of your Grand Lodge Officers, and to have the privilege of conveying to you what is really an outpouring of the hearts of your Brethren.

It was touchingly acknowledged.

Masonic Schools were dedicated and the report shows:

Some 4,000 Masons, and an equal number of friends, were present when the Grand Master left the porch at the gates of the grounds, and marched with his Grand Lodge Officers to the front of the new buildings, to dedicate them to the Great Ruler of the Universe, and the education of children of departed Brethren.

We have arranged for buildings which will provide, when it is necessary, for over 400 children. The home life will be kept intact by the fact that the children will be housed in bungalows similar to these fine buildings which you all see.

Stirring addresses were made.

Quarterly Communication was held June 13, 1923, when the Grand Master delivered a comprehensive address.

On account of the failure of carrying out the Kolling Masonic College Bro. Fitzmaurice, the Principal of the College at Killara, made a remarkably generous offer to take from time to time fifty of the orphan children and give them a course of education.

Grand Representatives from Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria were formally received and they suitably replied.

R.W. Bro. Lyman Lee represents New South Wales in Canada, and R.W. Bro. D. Cunningham represents Canada in New South Wales.

The motto of the United Grand Lodge is a good one "Juncta Juvant".

An important part of the Proceedings is the report of the Freemasons Benevolent Institution from which we get a page of straight talk which will do us all good as a tonic and is therefore printed in full.

### SOME STRAIGHT TALK TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

But while this large amount of money is necessary, I would like to say to-night that most of the applications in the past year have come from young widows, and your Committee, in going through the multitude of cases, have been astonished to find that many members of our Craft leave widows from 25 years of age upwards and young children without having made the slightest provision for their upkeep. Men who have been well known to you—men who have been members of Lodges for some time, who have been "Hail fellow, well met!" with you in their Lodges, and have been looked upon as real good chaps, when the Great Architect calls them away have failed to make any provision at all for their wives and young children. This is a very unsatisfactory state of things from the point of view of your Committee, and from the point of view of Freemasonry, as your Committee and I look upon it, and as we in the years gone by were taught it. We find from inquiries from many young widows that their husbands have told them not to worry—that the "Masons would look after them in the future." Well, the man who would evade his responsibilities in that way is not the class of man we want in Freemasonry, and I mention this matter in my annual address in order to place before the Lodges the necessity, in admitting candidates to our Order, of being very careful as to the quality of men they admit, and of the daily necessity of paying every possible attention to the home life of those who are proposed as members of Lodges, and pose as good Masons should so far neglect their duty to their home and those therein who should be especially dear to them as to make no provision whatever for their future.

Again many cases come to us for relief in which we find on inquiry that the applicant Mason, or the widow, has a number of sons and daughters, all grown-up and able to and actually earning a living. We make due inquiry into these cases, often postponing consideration of them to ascertain whether these sons and daughters assist in any way to support their aged parent. Sometimes we find that there are five or six sons and daughters, all over the age of twenty-one years, and that not one of them is willing to contribute even one shilling each a week towards the maintenance of those who brought them into the world. In most cases the reply is: "We cannot afford to do it." Very often we find that the parent has some little bit of property, and when at last he or she dies, these sons and daughters, who would not spend a halfpenny to alleviate their parents' distress, come in and scramble for the property that is left behind. That is not Masonry, and the sooner the members of Lodges put their hearts into this matter and see that the proper class of candidate is admitted to Freemasonry, the better for the Craft in general. These are facts concerning which I have for a long time felt like speaking to you, but I did not want to appear ungente, or to hurt anyone's feelings; of late, however instances of this kind have come home to the Committee, so often that I thought it my duty, and it is my duty, to bring the matter before the notice of the members of the Lodges of New South Wales. Let me hope that my words have not fallen on barren ground.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by five well known Brethren. In their introduction they say:

Judging from the amounts contributed by Grand Lodges and Masonic organizations for the maintenance of Masonic homes, schools and other institutions, and for the relief of distressed Brethren, throughout the world, the Order has lived up to its high reputation for benevolence.

In a great number of the reports of American Grand Lodges there is evidence that a strong effort is being made to counteract the disruptive influences of Bolshevism and other attempts against constitutional authority, and effective means are being taken to educate Masonic and public opinion on the duty of citizens to the State.

The form of the report makes it very difficult to classify and review, not having the usual local place summary but consisting of a series of subjects with remarks composed of the gleanings of the Committee.

Under Masonic Homes our colleagues say:

Inculcate good feeling, discipline and order among the performers. Teach boys to play together in harmony and you will teach them to work together in unison. If we mistake not the word "Alabama" means "Here we rest." What a glorious name for a Masonic Home for the aged.



We understand that the motto of Missouri is "Show me," but when it comes to running a Masonic Home their practice is to show other people.

They recommend that the fraternal recognition accorded by the Grand Lodge in 1911 to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be continued.

Each Grand Lodge takes some important step along the line of furnishing education to the sons and daughters of Masons requiring aid in the fulfillment of their aspirations and in regard to this New South Wales says and other Jurisdictions say, that Saskatchewan leads.

A striking report is given upon this subject: "Blue Masonry in Danger"—a suggestive thought.

Many most interesting pages are filled with a collection of Masonic poetry and we admire the discriminating taste which our colleagues have shown. We share the following verses with our Brethren of Canada:

And thou, O stone, be thou the while,  
The corner of this noble pile,  
Whose mission be, till Time shall cease  
To teach the gentler arts of Peace;  
And door and column, dome and wing,  
Shall each in turn a tribute bring,  
To that high LIGHT OF TRUTH, increased  
By the Light that shineth from the East.

The following translation of a Maori hymn to the Creator suggests "The Recessional" by Rudyard Kipling:

Lord, whom our wandering fathers bore  
From sea to sea!—from shore to shore  
And sacred manna gave;  
When far upon the trackless main,  
They cried aloud to Thee, nor vain,  
Thou didst their wearying hearts sustain.  
Oh, Rangi! Rongo! tane! Tu!  
Be with us still, however few.

Lord, when our circle is complete,  
Be thou our centre of retreat,  
Its pillar and its Base.  
E'en as our spirits sink to earth,  
Oh, grant the soul its bright re-birth,  
To blend in pureness with Thy worth.  
Oh, Rangi! Rongo! Tane! Tu!  
Be with us still, however few.

If you like a brother here,  
Tell him so.  
If you hold his friendship dear,  
Tell him so.  
All the roses that you spread,  
On his bier when he is dead  
Are not worth one kind word said,  
Years ago.

M.W. Bro. William Thompson, Grand Master.

Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

### NEW ZEALAND

M.W. Bro. John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe,  
Grand Master.

Membership 22,790. Gain for year 1,470.

The Proceedings are adorned with sepia photographs of the newly elected M.W. G.M. Honourable William Ferguson Massey, P.C., the veteran statesman of New Zealand and the Empire, and by other distinguished Brethren as well as by a reproduction of the beautiful Past Grand Master's Regalia presented to M.W. Brother His Excellency Viscount Jellicoe who was obliged to sail for England the day before Grand Lodge met.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication was held at Auckland 26th November, 1924.

From the address of the Pro Grand Master we quote:

The "Wheel of Time" has brought us round to the Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, and in the ordinary course of events the gathering would be presided over by the Grand Master. You know, however, that His Excellency Viscount Jellicoe, who, for the past two years was not only our Chief Ruler but was also the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Military and Naval Forces in this Dominion, left our shores yesterday for that country which even we Colonials think, and speak of, as the "Homeland".

During the two years that His Excellency held office as Grand Master he never tired of striving to advance and uphold the highest ideals and best traditions of our ancient Craft, and, while we regret his departure, we feel that he has left New Zealand richer and Freemasonry stronger as the result of his work amongst us; and I am confident that no Grand Master of the past ever more truly endeared himself to us than the distinguished man who has just retired from office.

He emphasized the gratifying fact that the mantle of the G.M. is now to fall upon a Member of His Majesty's Privy Council and Prime Minister of the Dominion, one of the Empire's great citizens who is a Past Master of Lodge Renown. Some further words are worthy of citation:

But let me stress the important fact that we must not measure up to the full our Masonic duties nor our responsibility as citizens by our numbers, our wealth, nor efficiency in our ceremonial work.

Individual judgment is never perfect. It is ever prone to look upon the apparent and to overlook the actual—and so Freemasonry is judged as I have remarked by individual failures which are apparent, but the great silent and unseen work of the Craft is overlooked. Time is the only impartial judge, and it is judging Freemasonry kindly.

The balance sheets shows the tidy total of £87,137 Sterling. Verily our sister Dominion has a wealth of gold as well as of good will.

Much discussion took place upon Collective Balloting, one of our own problems, which should be used very sparingly indeed.

A full discussion took place upon the office of the Grand Secretary and a Committee representative of the whole Dominion was appointed to act with the Grand Master in regard to filling this office, the conclusion of the Resolution reading as follows:

The Grand Secretary shall continue in office without reappointment during the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

This is as it should be. The office must be permanent, otherwise no good man will give up his life's work to fill it.

Past Grand Master Montogmerie-Hamilton of New South Wales entered and was saluted with Grand Honours.

New Zealand's Installation and Enthronement of M.W. G. M. Massey was poetic, choral and dignified. We do not know that we have ever read so striking a reproduction of a similar function and your correspondent therefore does not apologize for reproducing a page of the report:

## Chorale to Grand Master:

And now may He, from whom all blessings flow,  
 Direct thy footsteps, and thy pathway strew  
 With flowers of gladness, and may He bestow  
 His special grace and blessing upon you.  
 May Masonry beneath thy guidance bring  
 Content where'er its mystic light may shine;  
 And may the wisdom of that mighty King  
 Whose throne you fill, inspire our hearts and thine.  
 So mote it be.

The Installing Grand Master made obeisance to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and called upon the Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren upon the dais to follow his example.

## Trumpet Call and Proclamation in the East.

Grand Honours.

## ODE

Lord God, our Master bless,  
 With health and happiness,  
 So mote it be.

May he our laws defend,  
 Our power for good extend,  
 Our Master, Guide, and Friend,  
 So mote it be.

May wisdom from on high  
 Bind fast our mystic tie,  
 So mote it be.

May we united stand,  
 And join throughout the land,  
 With apron, heart, and hand,  
 So mote it be.

## Trumpet Call and Proclamation in the West.

Grand Honours.

## ODE (Joseph Massey)

In wishes true and hearty,  
 Let every Craftsman share;  
 And greet with loving welcome  
 Our Master in the Chair.

With wisdom may he rule us,  
 In faith may we obey,  
 That God his hands may strengthen,  
 Let every Craftsman pray.

In wishes true and hearty  
 Let every Craftsman share;  
 And greet him still, "God bless him!"  
 Our Master in the Chair.  
 So mote it be.



The new Grand Master delivered an excellent address from which we make two quotations:

Freemasons have their duties to the Great Architect of the Universe, and they have also their duties to Sovereign and Country, not only in time of war, but in the piping times of peace as well; and this applies to other countries besides our own, because Freemasonry knows no country in particular, though it does know and appreciate good citizenship wherever it may be found.

When it became likely that Britain would join in the war which appeared to be impending, the German Ambassador was sent to remonstrate with the British Minister, and remind him of the very serious risks which Britain was taking. The answer was very much to the point: "Where the honour of Britain is concerned, the cost is not to be counted."

A telegram full of good cheer and good counsel received by wireless from His Excellency Admiral Jellicoe then on the ocean, was read amid great applause.

The Grand Lodge of Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Charles Rhodes.

Among the Proceedings receivable by Grand Lodge, Canada is not included.

There is no Correspondence Report but otherwise the Proceedings are most interesting.

R.W. Brother Colonel George Barclay, Grand Secretary, Auckland.

Since the above Review was written all men of good will have been called to mourn in the death of New Zealand's great Grand Master.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Walter G. Africa, Grand Master.

Membership 14,505. Increase 319.

Several Lodges of Instruction were held by Grand Lodge in the Districts. At the Semi-Annual Communication December 27, 1922, eight Past Grand Masters were present. Canada was faithfully represented by R.W. Bro. Ira A. Chase. Music at the Home and music in the Lodge is cultivated by our harmonious New Hampshire Brethren as is indicated by the following:

The Grand Master also spoke his appreciation of the splendid work of the Schubert Quartet, of Boston, especially thanking them for their voluntary entertainment of the residents of our Home during the forenoon. This was the twenty-second successive annual engagement of the Schuberts.

The Annual Communication was held May 16th, 1923, in the City of Concord, eight Past Grand Masters present, Canada again represented by R.W. Bro. Chase.

From the Grand Master's able and business-like address we take the following paragraph:

Men from all walks of life have sought admission into the quiet and peace of our Fraternity. The influence of our teachings upon the minds of nearly three million members in this country must have had an unquestioned stabilizing effect upon the thought and actions of others in our country, especially during the past few years when the clouds seemed to envelop the whole world.

Of the Masonic Bulletin, an excellent publication, the Grand Master speaks:

The official organ of the brethren throughout the state, The Masonic Bulletin, is increasing its circulation rapidly and growing in popularity. The Editor will be pleased to publish interesting news items relative to the fraternity. The Bulletin is worthy of your support.

Let us do likewise in Canada. Our Masonic magazines are our Lines of Communication.

Kansas and New Hampshire are not on corresponding terms for the present. Let us hope that conciliation will soon follow the misunderstanding and we think that most Grand Jurisdictions will respectfully urge upon New Hampshire that they should moderate their demands on visitors with regard to the production of the actual diplomas. Not one Mason in a hundred carries his about with him. Many are framed. While we have no right to interfere in New Hampshire's internal economy, yet we feel inclined to agree with Kansas that this is a matter of wider jurisdiction than that of the sovereignty of any one Grand Body. We quite admit however that the change must be brought about by request and not by demand. The attitude of New Hampshire is thus expressed by the Grand Master:

This regulation, adopted by a sovereign Masonic grand body, for the government of its home affairs, has proved to be offensive to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to the extent that they no longer hold

fraternal relations and fellowship with us. In taking this step it would seem that it must be held in Kansas that Masonic visitation is a Masonic right. This position is denied in New Hampshire, where it is held that visitation is not a Masonic right but instead a fraternal courtesy if permitted. So far do we go in our jurisdiction, in this respect, that a member of a Lodge has the unquestioned and determined right to object to the presence of a visitor, in the Lodge of which he is a member, and the objection once having been expressed to the Master of the Lodge there is no recourse—the visitor may not sit in the Lodge.

In all plainness of speech, their action is a dictation to us, as to what we must do, or must not do, if we desire to retain their hitherto very friendly and Masonic relationship. If that be the case, then there is nothing for us to do but to wait a time with patience, hoping that Kansas, in time, may look upon the situation differently.

As we see it, the position taken by the Grand Lodge of Kansas is untenable. Our sovereignty has been attacked, but not disturbed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence lays down the terms on which fraternal recognition will be accorded to a foreign Grand Lodge. Among them the three following with of course Monotheism:

That the foreign Grand Lodge in question represents a substantial unity of the Freemasons of the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction; i.e., the Country, Province, or State.

The legend of the Third Degree.

That it makes Masons of men only.

That it is non-sectarian and non-political; i.e., that its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious.

R.W. Bro. John A. Cowan is the veteran representative of New Hampshire in Canada.

Harry M. Cheney, genial, experienced and with individuality expressed in every line both of his countenance and of his reviews, presents his seventeenth report on Foreign Correspondence, and from the introduction we take the following nuggets of ore:

The report which follows is number seventeen of my preparation for you—as many successive years in which I have endeavored to give to you facts and impressions gained through the reading of the printed proceedings of other Grand Lodges with which we have exchanged recognition, and to which our right hand of fraternal fellowship has been extended and accepted.

It is a choice experience to be designated to do this work. It would be idle to say that it is an easy thing to do. But with it all

there is a glorious recompense, in the uplift and in the greater vision that ever follows the annual undertaking.

There follows in these pages, a quick insight into the labor and dreams of our brethren elsewhere.

Our friend and Colleague almost makes us blush with pride and pleasure when we read his review of Canada in which he says among other kindly comments:

We have read the address here found, charmed with its every page, at the end finding it to have been written by M.W. Brother Ponton, whose visit to New Hampshire, in May, 1922, to attend our Grand Chapter convocation, made the event memorable by his appealing talk.

The Board of Benevolence spent \$99,920—not a cent of it for land or buildings, but all of it for charity. That alone tells you what kind of Masons they are in Ontario. We say there are none greater anywhere.

The Correspondence is a good deal over 200 pages in length. Every page of it is stout. Brother Brown is not only a good writer, but is graced with the virtue of wisdom in his form of presentation.

We say goodbye to Ontario for a year. We have gained an insight into their ways and have received inspiration. They are most wonderful men and Masons in that Province.

Nothing escapes his gentle but eagle eye all through the many Jurisdictions reviewed.

Under Kentucky we find:

His first conclusion is that most Grand Lodges have been cured of hysterics, become normal, with a disposition to get back to pre-war conservatism. We shall never go the entire backward distance, but the resumption of sanity has stopped our high flying.

Pennsylvania he thus introduces:

Right off quick we find a thing we very much like—names of men and of Lodges are not printed in cases of appeal, following Lodge trials, when there is an acquittal. In cases of conviction, with no further resort, the name of the convicted party may be promulgated, as a thing of protection.

Of the visit of Grand Master Africa from New Hampshire to the old family home where the Grand Master's father had himself been Grand Master of Pennsylvania, he thus touchingly speaks:

How proud his good father would have been could he have seen it all—a son, going out into the world and coming back home as a Grand Master of another state.



Texas and M.W. Bro. Randell who with Dr. J. Fort Newton, is probably the most active Mason of the present day since the death of Dr. Kuhn, furnish him with this inspiration:

They had a speech from their own and great Randell. We have read it and have been lifted up out of our ruts, as we always are by anything that that man utters. For one, we are happy in being one of his followers and supporters. In his life Texas has made a tremendous contribution to Freemasonry. A voice from the snows goes out in appreciation and thankfulness.

Under the head of Fraternal Correspondence in Wisconsin he says for us all:

The report itself gives evidence that room enough was taken to record what came to the mind and heart of its writer. Any other method is slavery. Full freedom or a resignation is our individual declaration.

As to our humble self, he lets his imagination discover an effort on our part "to eliminate almost everything that is distinctly Cheney." Perhaps so, but purely unintentional and without having been ordered thus to do.

The more of Cheney we get the better for the co-operative Craft. Read his great speech under "New Jersey."

This writer will never forget New Hampshire's concordant hospitality.

Frederic E. Everett, Elkins, M.W. Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY

M.W. Frank C. Sayrs, Grand Master.

Membership 78,469. Net gain 4,615.

Among the many Emergent Communications held by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey throughout the year, all of which are recorded in the first fifty pages of the Proceedings, there are two outstanding ones.

Grand Lodge unveiled a tablet erected over the grave of M.W. Bro. David Brearley, First Grand Master of New Jersey, and an engraving of the beautiful stone is re-produced in the Proceedings. Canada it will be

remembered three years ago dedicated a similar monument to our first Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson. These words of tribute are given in the biography of Grand Master Brearly:

In the words of a contemporary notice of his death, "he died, as he lived, beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His name, will be held in high esteem by the citizens of this State, while gratitude is a virtue, for the many eminent services rendered them as a Statesman, Patriot, Citizen and Soldier," and gratefully we add as a Mason.

Then is recorded the report of the unveiling of the Monument erected to the memory of the late R.W. Bro. Henry Snowden Haines, Grand Instructor of the State and for many years both in Chapters and in Lodges the type of the ideal Mason and known the world over. From the tribute paid to his memory we take these worthy words:

We are met to-day to do honor to a Master Workman who completed a ripe service of freedom, fervency and zeal and who brought to his great service wisdom, love and understanding.

Through the days when our Craft struggled against adversity the faith and the works of Brother Haines were a guiding power and a preserving force. From his great light thousands were enkindled and his but burned the brighter.

May this stone which we now unveil stand to the limit of its endurance as a monument of the love and devotion and esteem of the Masons of New Jersey.

An engraving of the very handsome monument is reproduced. This reviewer values among his choicest possessions a volume of the Sacred Law presented to him when he was made a High Priest of New Jersey by the late R.W. Bro. Haines. The volume is valued not merely because it is "the Book" but also because of the page of inscription in the handwriting of the beloved Brother, full of the beatitudes.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was held at Crescent Temple in the City of Trenton, April 16th, 1924.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed. 16 Past Grand Masters, all active and virile and some venerable, received the honours of their exalted station and of long service.

Visitors from all points of the compass graced the Grand East. Among them R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins and the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut, the D.G.M. of Rhode Island and the Past Grand Master of New Hampshire with their escorts, were received and welcomed. Extracts from their addresses appear later in this review.

The address of Grand Master Sayrs challenges analysis and re-reading. We can only make these extracts:

We are here to renew our pledges of friendship, fidelity and brotherly love, to profit by reviewing the accomplishments of the past, and to legislate for the future welfare, prosperity and advancement of the Craft in New Jersey.

He quotes the law with regard to physical perfection. By direction from the last meeting of Grand Lodge the responsibility devolved upon the Masters, to which he called attention in the circular which he addressed to the Lodges and he reported that no difficulties had resulted:

When the visible physical defect or deformity of the petitioner is not such as to prevent him from literally complying with all the requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry, and does not prevent him from honestly acquiring a livelihood for himself and his dependents, it constitutes no bar to admission.

Each Worshipful Master will be held responsible for a strict observance of the foregoing. It should be carefully borne in mind that this is a change only in the method of handling these cases, and that the requirements necessary for admission are just the same as heretofore.

With regard to the late President Harding he struck a new note and an appealing one:

He was, above all else, a friendly man—a fraternal man, in the best sense of the phrase. He was open, frank; without guile, malice or envy. He rejoiced in the achievements of those whom he had selected as his advisers, and joined in the plaudits they received.

In his character and career we have a striking example of the ideal American's attitude of Fair Play at all times with all and every one, upon all controverted questions. Let us strive to emulate his noble example.

Much of his address as also of the appendix is taken up by the correspondence (set out in full) with the Grand Orient of France upon their invasion or rather non-

recognition of the exclusive territorial doctrine of one Grand Lodge, adopted universally throughout the United States, and he says:

Let it be understood that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has never formally recognized the Grand Orient of France.

The statement that the Grand Orient had not yet decided to affiliate the Pennsylvania clandestines, might reasonably serve to delay action on the part of this Grand Lodge, were it not for the utter misunderstanding of American practice, evinced in this correspondence, and which alone may justify at least a temporary severance of our friendly relations.

New Jersey always celebrates the feast of St. John the Evangelist as an ancient festival and at their last a masterful and appropriate address was delivered by Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, a real builder.

De Molay is favourably commented on as follows:

The objects and purposes of this order are, perhaps, known to all of us. To quote Brother Reed: "It stands for better sons, better brothers, better friends and better men for to-morrow. It inculcates good morals, clean upright and honorable living to youth at its most receptive period, which in itself is the most satisfactory guarantee of good citizenship for the nation of to-morrow."

Surely opportunity is here presented to render real and constructive "Masonic Service".

The Masonic Home affords great pride and pleasure. The Grand Master thus speaks:

The near completion of the additions and improvements to the Home is a great satisfaction to all who have been closely associated with the work. We are now able to meet all the demands for accommodations.

It has been a pleasure to me, from time to time, during the past year, to receive contributions and donations from brethren, Lodges and other organizations, for the Home.

Pythagoras Lodge and its Master were severely disciplined by the G.M. because they would not punish a W. Brother who had been found guilty of unmasonic conduct.

Raising money by devices of questionable nature was severely condemned.

The Secretary of a Lodge who had permitted an application without waiver of penal jurisdiction, was



directed by the Grand Master to return his Jewel and he proclaimed his office vacated.

Much discussion took place upon the rulings of the Grand Master with regard to the necessity of charges being regularly made in order to delay the conferring of F.C. and M.M. Degrees. (See below.)

From the conclusion of the Grand Master's address we take this sentence:

It has been my pleasure and opportunity to visit all sections of the State, and to meet and greet thousands of the brethren. The year has brought to me a keener conception of the possibilities for Masonic service and duty, and it has been my privilege to visualize a renewed activity on the part of the Craft in things constructive.

Grand Master Goodyear of Philadelphia said:

I bring to you, as I said in the beginning, the fraternal greetings of the brethren of Pennsylvania, a Grand Jurisdiction composed of 193,000 brethren, and may I say, as it occurs to me just now, that those figures "193" are significant because the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is now in the 193d year of its existence. The oldest Grand Lodge on the western hemisphere.

From Sir Alfred Robbins' noble address we make the following extracts:

But I feel you will permit me to congratulate you on the many young men I see among you, who are coming forward to office, not only in their own Lodges, but to offices in the Grand Lodge, for the safety of our order will depend upon the young men of to-day. We of the older generation are glad to give our counsel and encouragement; but that counsel and encouragement will be of value only so far as it goes through the channels of the young men who we hope worthily and well will fill our places when we pass.

We have working under our administration in direct loyalty to the Grand Master, more than 3,900 Lodges. Nine hundred of these Lodges are situated in London alone. More than 2,300 are in the Provinces of England outside London. Beyond these, we have 700 which are scattered over the face of earth and water, over every continent of the Globe, in busy cities, in arid deserts, amid the most highly civilized populations, and some amid those of densest ignorance.

We have constantly to settle differences which are between brethren of different races, of different religions and different colors. Anyone who knows the difficulty of dealing with those of different languages, with those of different religions—I will say nothing as to the different colors—will know what an enormous task it is to keep the peace amid all these apparent discords. And yet, Most Worshipful Grand Master, we are proud in the fact that we not only keep the peace, but we preserve and promote harmony; and we consider our

Freemasonry of England to be a potent cause of civilization, of the love of law, of the attention to order which we claim to characterize citizens of the British Empire.

Beyond that \$150,000.00 a year, we raise in voluntary subscriptions, for benevolent purposes for aged Freemasons, for widows of Freemasons, for orphaned children of Freemasons—we raise by voluntary subscriptions every year the equivalent of half a million dollars, done without assessment, drive, or apparent effort; and that means that the brethren put a voluntary levy upon themselves. In addition to the levy they pay to Grand Lodge regularly, they give for benevolent purposes an average of \$2.00 a head; and in London, the city of my own residence, I am proud to say our average every year is \$5.00 a head without pressure of any kind.

I have no wish—none of us wish—that Masonry should be melancholy. On the contrary, much of the cheerfulness of my own life has come from Masonry; but that does not prevent me expressing the belief, that, unless we regard with the utmost seriousness the beliefs we are taught in our Lodge, unless we carry those beliefs into practice, into our daily life, into our home life, aye, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and into our business and social life, Masonry will fail of its great object, and that great object is the uplifting of mankind through the uplifting of the individual.

The Grand Master of Delaware said:

I believe that everyone here feels more than ever the privilege it is to be a Mason, and more than ever the privilege it is to belong to an order which embraces within its folds the splendid United Grand Lodge of England.

Past Grand Master Ewan, in introducing us, stated that these visits have been exchanged for twenty-five or twenty-six years. It has grown into a custom. It is getting to be more than a custom and might be called a tradition. In a few more years I think it will be considered one of the ancient landmarks of Masonry.

The Grand Master of Connecticut said:

That is the landmark that we are supporting and that is the landmark that we in the United States must support—the maintenance of the laws. If we do not agree with them that is another matter; but they are the laws and we should support them while they are laws. The motto on the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut is "sumus fratres,"

The Deputy Grand Master of Rhode Island said:

We should have high ideals. We should aim high. As Phillip Brooks once said, "There is a necessary limit to our achievements, but none as to our attempt," and so let us aim high.

Then came the speech of the day from M.W. Bro. Cheney of New Hampshire and the following will be of especial interest to us:

Brethren, you have heard a wonderful address from a wonderful man who has come to you from England. For twenty years I have been reading faithfully all the printed matter that the Grand Lodge of England sends to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. I know, because I read it in print, and I can read between the lines what this man is over there. He made a great speech. You gave him a great welcome, but that was not the thing for which I was hunting. While the speech was being spoken I watched your faces to see how you grasped it, and I saw that you were drinking in every word that he said. Then when he got through you raised upon your feet and you told him as best you could, "Brother Robbins, we are with you." (Applause). That is the thing I wanted to find; that is the thing for which I thank my God I have discovered. You are no different here from the other Masons of the country. You are quite typical. What you approve they will approve. The thing you told me is the thing for which I have been dreaming and for which I have longed, that there may be some agency that should tie America and England together, so that all the powers of hell itself may never break it. (Applause). And I think our brother has the right to go back home, to speak the word of good cheer when he gets there and to tell his own brethren that the brethren of America have their faces towards the East; that they are keeping step with the Masons of the day and that nothing shall overpower us, because we are the agents upon this earth of the Most High God, carrying out His plans among the children of men. (Great Applause.)

M.W. Bro. Watres of Pennsylvania said:

May I suggest a prophecy? I believe that the time has come for Masons to do more than erect Masonic Temples, and they are erecting them everywhere.

The prophecy is this: I believe—when, I do not know, and where, I do not know—nor do I pretend to say—but, you mark my words, that Masonry in its growth and onward movement of this great mighty phalanx, will some day, somewhere—I hope, at an early day—establish a university; a university where the tenets of our Fraternity will be given to the world in no uncertain way; a university which will be the nursery for magistrates, for statesmen, for diplomats; a university that will give to the world the things that were embodied in the life and the teachings of that great American whom we are all proud to hail and revere as a Master Mason—George Washington.

From the report on Masonic Jurisprudence we obtain this paragraph on Masonic Law of which we need frequently to be reminded. This is referred to in the G.M.'s address.

Mackey, in his work on Masonic Jurisprudence says:

"It is a most mistaken opinion to suppose that when a profane is elected as a candidate he is elected to receive all the degrees that can be conferred in a symbolic lodge. Freemasonry is a rigid system of probation. A second step never can be attained until sufficient proof has been given in the preceding that the candi-

date is worthy and well qualified. In the very ceremony of his reception he may have furnished convincing evidence of his unfitness to proceed further, and it would be the duty of the lodge in that case to debar his future procedure. A bad apprentice will make a worse M.M."

The Board of Governors of the Masonic Home gave an excellent report from which for the information of Canada we give the following extracts:

"They determined to ask you for the money.

"You gave them the money.

"The Home is practically finished."

Year after year the old Masonic warrior, to whom our thanks will always be due for our first Home, stood in his place in this Grand Lodge and tried in vain to meet the force of specious argument and ridicule directed against the suggestion that we needed any Home at all; and year after year his was the only vote in favor of it.

As a reminder to us of the uncertainties of fortune—uncertainties that none can claim absolute immunity from—let us also recall that many of the seemingly strongest arguments against founding a Home were advanced by another brother, who, himself, became one of the very first inmates of the Home after it was established.

These reminders of

"Old, unhappy, far-off days  
And battles long ago."

may not be wholly unprofitable to us at this time. While every man in this room feels a justifiable pride in the splendid Home we now have, and while no one here could think of an argument against the great work we are now doing, yet to glance backward over those years of struggle may help us to do honor to the memory of those whose stubborn fight for practical Masonic charity in this State made possible our pride and satisfaction in the work we are carrying on to-day in the interest of those who are not strong enough or fortunate enough to fight the battle of life to a finish, and who are giving up, in numbers growing larger as the years go by, and coming to us, bent, broken and helpless. Is there a man in our whole Fraternity in this State who does not feel—while regretting the vicissitudes of life that bring these brethren to us—a solemn pride and a real Masonic joy in the knowledge that we can take care of all such, and take care of them abundantly?

Many illustrations of the Home life are given and the Masonic Home Band delighted the members of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report:

We therefore recommend that the M.W. Grand Master be empowered by his declaration to terminate the existing relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France when by such action it shall appear to be expedient.



We concur with the M.W. Grand Master in the opinion that it is presently inexpedient to recognize the Grand Lodge of Vienna, Roumania and Czecho Slovakia, and recommend that consideration of these requests await further detailed information regarding their qualification to be considered regular Grand Lodges.

Grand Master Randell of the Masonic Service Association said:

They all have a fine vision; they all have splendid leadership but surely I may be pardoned if I say that few can equal, and none surpass, the spirit and the vision of this Grand Lodge, and of those leaders whom you so wisely select from year to year.

We are full of the love of old landmarks, and we ought to be. Yet sometimes we are prone to forget that one of the landmarks of Freemasonry is a Progressive Landmark that enables us to keep abreast of the times. I am glad to report to you that we are progressing.

New Jersey is represented in Canada by R.W. Bro. William H. Day of Guelph.

Correspondence between the State and other Grand Jurisdictions is conducted by R.W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs of Elizabeth, who is also the Deputy Grand Secretary.

Under Education and Alabama we find this suggestive item:

A contract was closed with the County Board of Education by which it was to furnish the teachers for a public school on the Home grounds, the Home to furnish the building, light and fuel.

One of the most complete and satisfying reviews of Canada that we have met in any of the Jurisdiction finds a much appreciated place in our colleague's review. May we take these excerpts in order that our Brethren may know how well we are thought of in the fine Jurisdiction of New Jersey:

This was Canada's year of Masonic jubilation, signalized by the reception of really distinguished visitors who assisted in making the annual communication of the second and last year of Grand Master William N. Ponton, an event to be long remembered.

As was to be expected the annual address by the Grand Master was a masterpiece. There are thirty-five pages of eloquent presentment of matters covering every phase of Masonic administration; delightful to read and suggestive of thoughtful consideration by the reader.

This wonderful year had been characterized by the constitution of twenty-five new lodges, and eleven had been instituted U.D.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry submitted a report from which we take its summation of the year.

R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown was relieved from the work of reviewing the fraternal correspondence. It was therefore divided among several brethren. R.W. and Rev. Robert C. Blgrave had New Jersey assigned him and has submitted an excellent commentary on our Proceedings of 1922.

It is with a sense of pleasurable anticipation that we note the appointment of M.W. Bro. Ponton as Chairman of the committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

A new light is thrown upon France by the report of our colleague.

Kentucky remains true to its colours as the great breeder of horses and of men, and the following item shows the close connection:

It became necessary to persuade the Racing Commission to change its proposed date for its fall meeting so that they should not coincide with those set for the annual communication of Grand Lodge, which was graciously assented to.

Massachusetts as usual gives a wealth of good material and from our colleague's report we make this interesting citation:

M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson submitted the report of the special committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, and because it embodies the principles under which your committee on Foreign Correspondence has been governed in reports favoring the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, with the evident approval of the Craft in New Jersey, we quote its substance.

The laws of the world recognize title by prescription, however defective the title may otherwise be. The Law of Nations recognizes the facts even though they are the result of usurpation. The founder of duly constituted Masonry in America, Henry Price, took the Lodges of Pennsylvania under his protection and made them regular although Brother Benjamin Franklin himself conceded that they had no authority. 1916 Mass. 367.

In like manner the recognition by ancient and conservative Grand Lodges of younger Grand Lodges organized by particular Lodges whose pedigree may trace to the Scottish Rite or even to purely de facto organizations, will make such bodies regular. Such recognition will not be accorded unless such particular Lodges answer the true Masonic tests. However great may be our pride in ancestry and however valuable history may be in assisting us to learn the facts of the past and the lessons for the present and future, it is nevertheless the facts of to-day with which we are dealing. We

should not deny Masonic citizenship to an organization otherwise admittedly Masonic, merely because there is an ancient flaw in its chain of title.

We close the perusal of New Jersey as of many Jurisdictions, with a sigh of satisfaction.

M.W. Andrew Foulds, Jr., Passaic, Grand Master.

R.W. Issac Cherry, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth, Deputy Grand Secretary.

## NEW MEXICO

M.W. Joseph Gill, Grand Master.

Membership 6,163. Net gain 188.

After several special Communications are recorded showing continued activities through the year, the Proceedings of the Forty-sixth Annual Communication at the City of Raton, February 18th, 1924, are chronicled.

A frontispiece of Grand Master Gill shows that he too is one of the many young Grand Masters who are "on the throne".

New Mexico is nothing unless musical and the programmes prepared for the delectation and harmony of the Brethren throughout the session are most appealing to those who love (as who does not) this universal moral solvent.

From the address of welcome by a representative Brother of Raton we take the following which shows that as this reviewer has advocated, the fires must be kept glowing at the community altars as well as on the altars of the Lodge.

You will remember how the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt, in which a portion of the task was assigned to each of those whose habitation was adjacent to the wall and the admonition of the leaders was "let each man build, over against his own house;" and it is a thought which I advance occasionally, that if every state, county, city and village shall perfect its own community life with intelligent zeal that we shall have no need to fear for the grandeur and strength of our nation.

Lew Wallace, a former Governor of New Mexico, left his impress upon that young territory and his ideals were graphically expressed, among them the following:

In the very closing of his career, he said to our brethren in Rhode Island: "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the society and to be considered by them a deserving brother."

You know Dante said "Give light and the people will find their own way." And it is in furtherance of this idea that the Masonic Order is committed to federal aid to education.

This is the happy conclusion of the golden welcome:

If human hearts were banquet halls I would welcome every Mason to mine. I would banquet them on Milk and Honey—the milk of human kindness and the honey of human happiness; and they should drink deep of the wine of brotherly love. If my heart-strings, were harp strings, I would make the music for the Masons which the angels made for the first happy pair in the paradise of long ago.

Seven Past Grand Masters graced the Grand East.

The Grand Master among other good things said:

Vigilance in the perpetuation and improvement of our public schools characterizes the Fraternity. Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls are being trained in the fundamentals of useful citizenship, obedience to law, respect for authority and recognition of the rights of others. In short the rising generation is recognized as our greatest treasure-house. Drought may wither our crops, financial institutions may crumble and war may lay us waste, but the youth of our land holds in its keeping the elements of our future destiny. The Masonic Service Association has united the forces of thirty-four jurisdictions to minister to the victim of deluge, famine and earthquake, and to organize and direct Masonic thinking in more useful and practical lines.

From his decisions we take the following two:

By unanimous vote of a constituent lodge an objection was sustained against an Entered Apprentice, and the fee paid by him was ordered returned: They ask opinion from me on this procedure.

Held: I am of the opinion that you have acted correctly in returning the entire fee, when the objection to his advancement was sustained unanimously by your lodge. I believe this is contemplated by the by-laws, and is good policy in addition. We do not wish any person to feel that the Masonic Lodge is indebted to him.

Held: This correspondence is the property of the committee and need not be attached to the committee's report nor filed in the



lodge. I should deem it unmasonic to use the correspondence or any information gained thereby for any purpose other than that authorized by the commission of investigation.

The following action was recommended in connection with Mexican Masonry:

In the interest of universal brotherhood and possibly at the expense of some Ancient Masonic restrictions, I shall recommend that this jurisdiction recognize the Gran Logio Valle de Mexico without denying recognition to the York Grand Lodge.

Evidently incorporation is spreading among our smaller American Jurisdictions and the following is a clause of a resolution passed:

Whereas, said Act among other things, provided that the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico, by consent of such body, expressed by resolution adopted by majority vote of duly accredited members in attendance at any regular meeting; may become a body corporate by compliance with the provisions of said Act.

After due investigation the Grand Lodge decided to continue as a member of the Masonic Service Association and lauds its splendid work. They have in New Mexico a "Revolving Students Loan Fund" which has been doing effective service. They loaned last year \$2,755 to 16 different students. Canada should establish this beneficent and productive reservoir of educated citizenship from the abundance of its coffers. The time is ripe.

The report of the Bayard Relief and Sojourners Club Committee is full of interest and is along the line of real relief and good fellowship.

These comparatively young Lodges delve deeply into Masonic history and research and their example might well be followed. 24 pages of most interesting matter is provided for its readers and the testimony of the ages is perpetuated. Not always dry, not always fossilized as the following extract well shows:

The would-be benedict, with proud step, followed by the majesty of the law and a numerous throng, led the way to a dugout in "Chihuahua;" where the bride-to-be was preparing a wedding feast of "Frijole and chili." All that could, entered. The Judge commanded the would-be's to join hands and this was his formula:

"Unda' neath this roof, in sto'my weatha'  
This Buck and Squaw, I join togetha'  
Let none but Him, who makes the thunda'  
Put the Buck and Squaw asunda'."

And this is how the law came to Etown.

This story is not related to make this report appear ridiculous in the eyes of the Brethren, but to point out an important lesson in sociology. The work of Brother Blackwell will be to record the part played by Freemasonry in bringing order out of chaos in this turbulent mining camp which has since become a deserted village, a city of past dreams and nightmares.

The Foreign Correspondence is under the hand and head of Bro. John Milne who however does not touch upon Canada in Ontario, which we very much regret. Why does our colleague ignore us? We feel sure that it is inadvertent.

Under De Molay he quotes:

"O Lad of Mine,  
O Lad of Mine,  
We'll stand as one,  
In rain or shine;  
Each night and day,  
I'll always say,  
You're the best pal in the world,  
O Lad of Mine."

He thus gracefully joins us all in bidding Goodbye to M.W. Bro. Lou B. Windsor as Fraternal Correspondent of Michigan:

P.G.M. Lou B. Windsor puts away his pen after twenty years of service as correspondent. We can only say, "Well done," "Good-bye," "Good Luck" Bro. Windsor you'll be missed.

New Jersey furnishes him with a ruling which no doubt accords with his own view and that of his Grand Lodge with regard to recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions, often through the Scottish Rite.

Your committee having had under consideration the subject matter referred to it by the Committee on Grand Master's Address respectfully reports its recommendation that recognition be accorded to, and exchange of representatives be effected with, the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and the Grand Lodge of Honduras, in Central America; and in view of the fact that the conditions reported by this committee at your Annual Communication in 1910 have continued and with increased assurance of permanency, we are of the opinion that the recommendation of the Grand Master that recognition of the legitimacy of Master Masons who have received the degrees in lodges in countries wherein the Ritual of the Scottish Rite has been or is used, should be adopted in conformity to the existing usage in a number of sister Grand Jurisdictions in North America and in the interest of Masonic comity.

Under New York it is announced that fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Italy have been entered into and the speech of the Grand Master of Italy is reproduced in full, from which we take the following extracts which are of much interest:

For men of heart there are in life few experiences more exalting and comforting than to find a brother in one whom perhaps you had imagined to be spiritually a stranger to you. We have the joy of recognizing that we are brothers.

And, Brethren, we are one in heart, one in faith. We were separated by the varied vicissitudes of the nations to which we belong, but the spirit that spoke within us was the same.

The Grand Orient of Italy has never denied the rule of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Neither have we among our number those who would deprive the land of liberty, inasmuch as we believe that loyalty to liberty is an essential duty of every citizen to whatever political party he may belong.

New York also expresses all our views in the following:

As light is a symbol of knowledge, so is the level the symbol of equality, and there is no institution in which these Masonic principles are more perfectly exemplified than in the American Public School System. Our Masonic forebears played a prominent part in founding our Public School System.

Bro. Milne is an original thinker as well as compiler and in his conclusion he comments thus upon his peregrinations through the Jurisdictions:

The "higher degree" craze is so general that one wonders what the final outcome will be. The numerous side orders that confine their members to Masons only, continue to multiply and the non-Masonic public continues to get the impression that these side orders are Masonic Lodges.

We see two of our Grand Jurisdictions sever fraternal recognition because one will not admit to its lodges Masons from the other for the sole reason that they do not carry a slip of paper required by the one and not furnished by the other. What a spectacle when one contemplates the big worth-while things that could be accomplished by a united Masonic effort.

There are some indications that lead one to believe that the "lip" and "pin" Mason is increasing in number.

The Masonic Service Association has the vision and the organization that will eventually so crystallize the Masonic mind that we need not fear a recurrence of the terrible attack of palsy with which

we were afflicted during the dark days of the World War. More strength to those who are now directing the affairs of the Association.

In the neighborhood of twenty thousand disabled Masons and their dependents are getting tender care in Masonic Homes of the United States. Soon thousands of victims of tuberculosis will be cared for in Sanatoriums erected and conducted by Masons.

Revolving student funds established by Grand Lodges now enable worthy young people to get a college education while Masonic club houses provide places where students are surrounded with an atmosphere that is wholesome and congenial.

John W. Turner, Silver City, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

## NEW YORK

M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Tompkins, Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 941. Number of Master Masons 299,034. Increase 12,440.

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication was held in the Grand Lodge room, New York, May 6th, 1924. Seven well known Past Grand Masters, including M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney, the honored Representative of Canada, were present.

The Committee on Constitution is composed of M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder and M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney.

From the opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain we take these two invocations:

May the memory of an honorable past prove to us the inspiration for a more glorious future.

We commend unto Thee the widow and the orphan. Deal very tenderly, we beseech Thee, with them, and grant unto them occasion in actual experience to know the strength and helpfulness of the Masonic tie.

The Grand Master paid worthy tribute to those who have passed during the year.

Urging the active participation of all in the agenda of Grand Lodge, he says:



**If these rights have not been freely exercised by Representatives in the past, it is because they have not asserted their rights, and not because any privilege has been denied. Do not hesitate to express your opinion on any question that may arise during this session.**

I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that you are not only the representatives of your respective lodges in this Grand Body, but each Master is the medium through which the proceedings of Grand Lodge and the activities of its officers and its plans and needs and achievements are to be communicated to your lodges.

Dispensations for 22 new Lodges were granted.

A Community Church has been established in connection with the great Home of the Empire State, its objects being:

To promote the spiritual needs and desires of the members of the Home.

To provide a place and time for regular worship.

To provide religious instruction for young and old alike, and to bring them into fellowship.

He eulogizes the work of the Masonic Service Association and "The Master Mason."

He strongly commends the custom of presenting a Bible at the altar to each newly raised Master Mason, saying:

And what could be more appropriate or better calculated to make a lasting impression upon the newly-made Mason than to receive from his Lodge as he stands at the sacred altar a suitable copy of the Book of books?

The Grand Master referred all questions of Masonic law to the Judge Advocate, who has done splendid work.

In concluding his summary of a good year's work well done, he says what most of us have felt, "much must be left to memory, and to unexpressed hopes."

Of the collection of Antiquities the Committee say:

The Collection of Antiquities comprises over sixteen hundred different articles, ranging from Badges and Mark Pennies to Medals, Regalia, Jewels, Records and Documents of profound historic interest, and hallowed by association with great

names and deeds of ages past. Many are unique and can never be duplicated.

When will Canada establish a similar museum? We have treasures untold.

The Grand Master was obliged to retire owing to illness, and the Deputy Grand Master, Brother William A. Rowan introduced R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, of England, and M.W. Bro. Foulds, Grand Master of New Jersey, and M.W. Bro. Couch, Grand Master of Delaware.

The Committee on Grievances reported for the second time that a brother recommending or suggesting a false statement to be made by an applicant is as guilty as the applicant making such statement, and disciplining and punishing him accordingly. Sponsors have their responsibility.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Brethren recommends that Armistice Day be celebrated each year and that a "Roll Call of the Dead" be printed in the published Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

"So when a great man dies,  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men."

R. W. Bro. Jerome L. Cheney and his colleagues on the Commission of Appeals took a prominent part in the Proceedings. It was the pleasure of this reviewer to be in frequent personal touch with this distinguished Mason in connection with the Royal Arch, and we are glad to note that his activities find expression also in Grand Lodge.

From Sir Alfred Robbins' great speech we take the following:

No power will be able to shake this world again to its foundations, if the English-speaking people throughout the Universe stand together in ideas and ideals.

The United Grand Lodge of England, over the administration of which I have the honor to preside, has four thousand Lodges—just thirty or forty short of four thousand Lodges—actively working under its jurisdiction. Of those Lodges nine hundred are in London, and twenty-three hundred in the

Provinces of England outside London; with another seven hundred overseas, scattered everywhere, in every continent, in every clime. The influence the United Grand Lodge of England represents is, therefore, very great; and we come to you as one great jurisdiction to another, and we ask New York (which in so many ways has set a standard of leadership in the Masonry of the world) to join hand in hand with us in promoting the cause of international good will, of true fraternity, of full liberty of opinion, coupled with sane and sober government.

Always remember that the time will never come for us to lay down our arms—there will never arrive a period when the world will not need us.

The new Masonic Funeral Service is printed in full and while very long, it appears to be in every way admirable and impressive. Ceremonies are also suggested for presentation of the colors and for the Bible presentation.

The Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang, submitted a most instructive report "On the Rise of Gilds and the Cathedral Builders."

New light is thrown upon the origin and development of Gilds by the following:

The Anglo-Saxon word gild, or gyld, means simply payment, or (by inference) contribution to a common fund. Our word "pledge" probably comes nearest to the original meaning of the word. Gegyldan were those who shared with others in paying into the corporate treasury; in the course of the gild's development, the word came to mean fellows or brothers of the gild, or brothers sharing in common worship and the practice of the principles and regulations of their common religion.

In the cities of England the development of the gild idea may be followed with a fair degree of definiteness. Admission to membership, in the beginning, was limited to freeholders. As full right of citizenship, with consequent share in the local government, was restricted to the holders of real estate, membership (or "freedom") of the city.

The gild of cathedral builders was accorded a degree of independence which none of the other craft gilds could attain.

It was recommended that New York extend official recognition and establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Egypt, of Jugoslavia, of Bulgaria, and of Chile.

The report of the Overseas Mission is interesting, especially by its results, for shortly after its presentation Past Grand Master Vrooman submitted a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the main portions of which are as follows:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge has recently become a member of the International Masonic Association, which purports to be an association of Masonic Grand Lodges meeting together for furtherance of Masonic teachings and influence, and

Whereas, None of such Grand Lodges, other than ours, is English-speaking or follows Anglo-Saxon methods; and

Whereas, It is not the purpose of this Grand Lodge to waver in its allegiance to a belief in God nor in the use of His Holy Word;

Whereas, The reports of such Association are silent concerning these and other matters deemed by this Grand Lodge important. Now, therefore, to the end that this Grand Lodge may be able to advisedly act in the premises, it is

Resolved, That our Committee on Foreign Correspondence be instructed to obtain and submit to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge detailed and specific information in the following particulars, to wit:

Whether each of such Grand and Subordinate Lodges requires a candidate to express a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and, if not, which one or ones.

Whether the Holy Bible is displayed on the Altar or used in the opening of the Lodge or in the Ceremonies and, if not, the names of such Grand Lodges as do not require same to be done.

A handsome portrait of M.W. Bro. Tompkins was presented to Grand Lodge on behalf of the official family.

New York was in 1924 represented by the late M.W. Bro. A .T. Freed, of Hamilton.

The Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of a committee composed of Brothers S. Nelson Sawyer, Emil Frenkel and Ossian Lang, who say in their introduction as indicating the comprehensive character of their work:



It contains information of exceeding importance to all who are interested in the trend of Masonic opinion and action. The tendencies revealed, the new departures started under way, the decisions rendered on serious and puzzling questions of Masonic law, the changes planned in the administration of benevolent undertakings, the dangers pointed out threatening the Craft from extraneous organizations arrogating to themselves Grand Lodge functions, the encouraging outlook for the working out of Masonic ideals in the thought of mankind, how the Craft in all parts of the world regard the doings of the Grand Lodges of New York—instruction and information galore—all this may be gathered from the reviews supplied in the report, which, we trust, will be read with profit by all the members of the Craft.

Our colleagues find much to praise in M.W. Bro. Block's annual report for Iowa, abounding with searching questions as to what Masonry is doing to justify its continued existence. It has a distinct mission in modern life.

He quotes approvingly the Grand Master of Massachusetts in finding that the most serious danger threatening our Institution is the lack of interest displayed by members in investigating committees as to the character of applicants.

Quebec, and especially its Grand Chaplain, received unstinted praise as is deserved.

We regret that although every other Province of Canada is included in the review, we are omitted. Why, neighbor?

From the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, New York notes this verse:

“For when the One Great Scorer  
Comes to write against your name,  
He writes not that you won or lost,  
But how you played the game.”

The following statistical summary we do not find anywhere else and the information is most striking. What a power the Craft could wield if it would!

Total membership of Masonic Lodges working in the English language, approximately.....	3,768,000
All others, approximately.....	245,000
Total membership of regular Lodges in the world, for 1923, approximately .....	4,013,000

The four numerically strongest jurisdictions are New York, England, Illinois and Pennsylvania, with an aggregate membership of 1,036,200.

M.W. Bro. William A. Rowan, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Robert Judson Kenworthy, New York, Grand Secretary.

### NORTH CAROLINA

M.W. Bro. Hubert McNeill, Poteat, Grand Master.

Membership 39,655. Net gain 1,284.

The photograph and biography of the new Grand Master opens the volume. Of M.W. Bro. Everett it is said:

He is an ardent lover of Masonry, a firm believer in its principles and teachings and a diligent student of its history and traditions. He is warm-hearted, affable and approachable at all times. His most characteristic trait is his love for his fellowman, and the orphan children will find in him a staunch and never-failing friend. He is calm, fair and just in his dealings with men and in his rulings as titular head of the great body of Masons of the State his Brethren may be sure they will be rendered only after a deliberate and impartial consideration of every phase of the situation.

The Grand Lodge convened in its One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, Raleigh, January 15, 1924.

M.W. Bro. Poteat presiding. He was supported in the Grand East by 12 past Grand Masters and on another occasion by 14.

Canada had the honour of being represented by the Grand Master himself.

R.W. Bro. Prime, Grand Representative of England near the Grand Lodge of New York, was received officially.

The address is full of interest. He begins thus modestly but the record of his activities show that pride would be justified:

To me the year's work has been full of interest and inspiration and bright promise for the future. I have fallen far short of the

mark I set myself last January when you placed upon my unworthy shoulders the Purple of the Fraternity.

Ten special Communications of Grand Lodge were held chiefly for Cornerstones, for the laying of some of which proper preparations had not been made and with regard to which the Grand Master says:

It is to be hoped that hereafter, when the services of this Grand Lodge are requested for the laying of corner stones, the Lodge or committee making the request will be willing to comply absolutely with the Grand Lodge law.

As to their Oxford Orphanage, he has this encouraging word:

I have had the pleasure and privilege of visiting this beloved institution several times during the past year; and I recommend to any North Carolina Mason who is suffering from indifference discouragement or spiritual destitution, a trip to Oxford and a close-up view of the Orphanage and its blessed work.

They also support a Memorial Hospital and a Home. When will Canada get into line and do its duty? The time is ripe.

With regard to Educational Field Secretary Wicker, and indeed the words are applicable to all those progressive minds who are devoting themselves to spreading that knowledge which is power, the Grand Master goes to the heart of the matter when he says:

His bitterest enemy has been a state of mind, hardened to an all but inflexible rigidity by years on years of Masonic practice and habit—a state of mind which conceives of Masonry as merely the performance of certain ritualistic acts behind tiled doors and the giving of some pittance to “charity”. Through the educational work this moss-covered unworthy conception is slowly but surely being forced toward the place where all dead things belong—the cemetery. Through the educational work we are coming to love our beautiful ritual more, because we understand more fully its ancient treasures of symbol and allegory; we are acquiring a higher conception of charity; we are having our eyes opened to the romance of Masonic history and the dignity and antiquity of Masonic law; we are learning new lessons of morality and philosophy, practically applied to actual life; we are—perhaps most important—beginning to realize that Masonry has a message to and a mission in this great modern world of ours—a message and mission far transcending in importance any ritual ever devised by the mind of man a message and mission which the world needs, deeply and vitally.

And in this connection he associates with the good work the Masonic Service Association, on which he comments thus:

This great organization has now definitely passed the experimental stage, and is embarked on a career of inspiration and help and blessing to American Freemasonry, whose results in uplift, in heightened efficiency, in wider knowledge, in truer appreciation of Masonic values, in genuine charity and service to all mankind can now be only vaguely guessed.

Among his military and other decisions we find the following:

Held that the Lodge claiming jurisdiction over an officer or enlisted man in the army or navy at the time of his enlistment, continues to hold it as long as he is in the service. In case no jurisdiction is claimed by his home Lodge, he may petition Phoenix Lodge after he has resided twelve months or more at Fort Bragg.

The Master of a lodge, desiring to change his place of residence, asks if he can resign. Held that he cannot. The Sr. Warden must fill out the Master's term, as acting Master, appointing some brother to serve as Sr. W. at each meeting.

As to the state of the Craft and the grumbling about the "high cost of Masonry" the Grand Master utters these true words:

But I do not believe any man has any business joining a Masonic lodge unless he is not only able but happy to bear his share of the expenses of the Order and to take some worthy part in contributions to the great objects fostered by the Grand Lodge. The day when Masonry could be run as a sort of cheap charity show has passed, and I, for one, thank God for it. Moreover, it is undeniably true that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Some of the edicts of Grand Lodge have not been well observed and an admonition from the Throne is thus given to them.

I regard such an attitude as this as particularly pernicious and it is more wide-spread than many of you realize. I am no iron-fisted autocrat, but I warn you solemnly, my Brethren, that the time has come for the Grand Lodge to demand of the subordinate lodges an instant and cordial compliance with all its laws, resolutions and edicts.

He does not neglect the basic and rhythmic ritual of which he says:

Our ritual is our distinctive heritage and possession; it is the garb in which Masonry clothes herself; it is perhaps, the most important and impressive of the resources of the Order for the building of character and the teaching of truth. Multitudes of upstanding young Americans are turning to us today, asking of us bread; shall we give them a stone?

What a mighty, irresistible force for good Masonry would be, if all her millions of sons were actual builders! I have already sug-



gested what appears to me to be one of the reasons for the existence of the vast army of drones in the Masonic hive.

He is brave enough to point out our short-comings but he gives us a restorative prescription in the following memorable words:

Here, then, my Brethren, is my prescription for Masonic indifference. Take equal parts of accurate, impressively delivered ritual and Masonic study, mix with a liberal quantity of brotherly love and tolerance in the realm of opinion, add clean living and genuine interest in the poor and unfortunate, and take in unlimited doses.

Finally, the most dangerous tendency I see in North Carolina Masonry to-day is a weak-kneed, flabby spinelessness on the question of law breaking. It is hard for me to speak with moderation on this point.

He recommended and Grand Lodge adopted the payment of \$350 to the Grand Correspondent, Bro. Allen, whose practised hand as Grand Chapter Correspondent the writer is familiar with.

The final conclusion of the Grand Master's address has this trumpet call:

Let me give you, as my parting message, with all reverence, Jehovah's words, to Moses: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The grand oration was delivered by Bro. Thos. J. Harkins, Sovereign Grand Inspector of the Scottish Rite.

The address is full of eloquent imagery beginning and closing with the following paragraphs:

After a day of storm, the sailor's heart is always gladdened, if, in the East, he sees spanning the heavens the rainbow, presage of fair weather, emblem of everlasting life, witness of the covenant made by God with man.

Freemasonry shall play, and indeed is playing, its full part in the Herculean labor of rebuilding the world's social structure.

Masonry's response to Humanity's cry is: "Look to the East." By the first gleams of the coming dawn humanity will see that Masonry, by its Faith, its Hope, its Charity, has already set its hand to the stupendous task of rebuilding the Holy House of Love in the hearts of men.

Rev. Bro. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary delivered a wonderful oration upon the Justice and the Principles of the Craft, closing with the following verses:

So long as men grow weary  
On pathways dark and dreary;  
So long as widows languish  
In loneliness and anguish;  
So long as each tomorrow  
But swells the orphan's sorrow  
Whenever men are falling  
'Neath the woes of life appalling—  
There the Mason has a mission.

So long as hearts are breaking  
And human faith is shaking  
So long as notes of sadness  
Choke every song of gladness—  
There the Mason has a mission.  
To make the cause of duty

Stand forth in all its beauty;  
To turn the orphan's wailing  
To songs of joy unfailing;  
To point the fallen brother  
Away from sins that smother,  
To stars of hope above him  
And loyal hearts that love him;  
To make men's visions brighter  
And all their burdens lighter;  
To keep them from repining  
While hope still brighter shining  
Goes on to glad fruition—  
This is the Mason's mission.

Grand Lodge accorded official fraternal recognition to many new Grand Lodges including Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, Porto Rico, Alpina, Vienna, Norway, Denmark, and Egypt, thus lengthening the cable tow of the fraternity.

R.W. Bro. Herrington of Napanee, represents North Carolina in Canada.

For the first time since the World War the Foreign Correspondence Report is presented and under the skilled touch of Bro. J. Edward Allen who writes his first Craft review, leaps into first rank.

His assiduity in acquiring and crystallizing information is simply wonderful and the whole body of Masonry thanks him for his tables and figures. Perhaps next year he will extend his statistical talents to analyzing the percentages of British Masonry. His introduction is made in the following sentences:

It is no short task, to write such a document on the great subject of "Masonry Throughout the World: Its Doers and Its Doings," as will be worth the reading. The volumes read and re-read, contain little short of twenty-five thousand pages; in some of them it is exceedingly difficult to separate from the rest, that material which we should wish to use; and, since this scribe is new at his task, this being his first trip through their volumes to the several Grand Lodges, he lacks that back-ground of familiarity with the people and the past that would be well-nigh essential to the making of such a Report.

Some will ask why we gave valuable time and energy to statistical tables. These tables cover matters which are under discussion throughout the several Masonic jurisdictions of our entire country. We hope that our labor will not prove worthless, in the tables or in the text.

Then follows pages of most interesting comparative figures with regard to the membership of the United States Craft.

The average membership of the Grand Lodges in the United States is 57,719.

The average number of members per Lodge 178.

The number of Master Masons per 100 square miles 92 but to illustrate the contrast in density of population the District of Columbia contributes no less than 19,986 per 100 square miles while Nevada foots the list at 2.3.

The percentage of gains in Grand Lodge is 5.12.

The percentage of Master Masons that are Royal Arch Masons 29.33.

The percentage of Master Masons that are Knights Templar 15.04.

The percentage of Master Masons of the 32nd Degree S.R. 15.67.

The percentage of Master Masons that are Shriners 18.3.

The percentage of Royal Arch Masons that are Knights Templar 51.24.

Then follows a summary of the Grand Lodge Institutions of Benevolence covering all the States showing the progress, investment, capita tax etc.

Those of us in Canada who have the vision splendid will find here much that will help in coming to I hope, an early decision.

He thus introduces Alabama with a happy pleasant greeting which puts us all at-once at home with him:

But the new friends whom he has met in the several Grand Lodge books are pleasant, tried and true Masons, big thinkers, fine fellows all, with the fewest exceptions; and he is glad to know them. Being only a plain Mason, and not a Famous Person; or a Celebrated Antiquity, as somebody called the Past Grand; or invested with honorary appendages, or anything of that sort, he has not had the opportunity to meet personally these Great Masons of whom he has read and of whom he now is going to write—and he wishes he did know them. If he did, he would have for these writing what the literati have called “the living background”.

### Under British Columbia he says:

The candidate should always be taught to know that he is to put something into Masonry, no matter what he incidentally gets out of it.

Canada receives over 7 pages of fine and sympathetic review from which to show our Brethren how their Jurisdiction is appreciated, we make the following extracts:

The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario has by this time, we doubt not, passed the hundred-thousand mark in membership. Its people are some of the best citizens of all North America. While its forms are somewhat like the English pattern, yet we find much of the western progressiveness in them too.

From the address of welcome we learn that more than 15 of Toronto's Mayors have been members of St. Andrew's Lodge, of which this brother is a member.

And in the Grand Master's reply we find this:

As you are kind enough to say, a meed of praise has been bestowed upon myself as Grand Master. If a small modicum of the praise has been deserved it has been through the co-operation of the lodges, and surely the Toronto lodges have led in that splendid spirit of progress that must emulate all these great lodges that are not “lodges in some vast wilderness” but in this great city they are the power houses on the line; the great laboratories and schools of chemistry turning out men and Masons.

Grand Master Ponton is not unknown to us. We have been reading of his work while he was Grand Principal of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Canada, and more recently still, we have been following him as he has visited several of the Grand Lodges of which we have written.

We are going to quote a few passages from his thirty-five page address, which, we assure the reader, is not a dry statement of visits edicts, decisions, inter-state courtesies, necrology, appointments, like the arid deserts that we have to cross to get through so many of the volumes that have come to our hand.



He does not believe in large lodges.

He is sure that the "kid Masons" should not take the veterans' places.

He is enthusiastic about the great northern portion of his Province.

We note that this Grand Lodge has jumped from 58,983 members in 1915 to 100,000 in 1923. How on earth all of these were assimilated, we do not know; but we have every reason to believe that they were.

He appreciates the ladies of the Eastern Star, but—

As to the review by R. W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrove D.D. and Lord Amptill he says:

The reviews are by several Brethren, that of North Carolina being an excellent one, bearing the initials "R.C.B.", which we greatly appreciate.

We find the address of Lord Amptill in an appendix at the back of the Book, it having been delivered in a public gathering, and from it we quote:

And His Majesty the King, although the circumstances of early life obliged him to contemplate a career in the Navy and prevented him from becoming initiated as a Freemason, has of his own accord and right willingly and gladly consented to the initiation of his two eldest sons, of the Heir Apparent to the Throne, the Prince of Wales, for whose talents, charms, courage and energy every true British citizen ought to offer up daily thanks to Almighty God.

With his brother, the Duke of York, they are now brethren amongst us. But whether it be the Prince of the blood royal, or men in the humblest station of life, or those who are leaders in the fields of science and learning, all find the same magnetic attraction in Freemasonry, and so we have all classes represented within our Order.

Under Minnesota the reviewer says:

The Grand Master "views with alarm" the growth of the cluster of organizations that cling to Masonic membership as a prerequisite.

He closes his review of New York with the following verse:

And the question ever riseth as portentous signs we trace,  
What will the final outcome be, and what the saving grace?  
And Masonry makes answer with its never changing plan—  
'The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man'.

Virginia is always a centre of comment whether we agree or disagree and Bro. Allen wrestles with them thus:

We do not think that everything that must needs go through the legislative mill, should be called political; and we think that a measure

not fostered by any political party, whose aims are the elimination of illiteracy, the improvement of the status of the teacher, and the improvement of the health of the school child, by the creation of a department of the Federal government commensurate with that task, and providing funds to perform the duties called for, at the same time operating only through the state's only governmental functions, is about as little political as any means that Masonry could encourage, with any possibility of success, if it is admitted that it is a legitimate function of Masonry to strive with all of its power for the welfare of the next generation. If this is not a Masonic duty, then there is not any good in discussing any of these matters. We shall let others decide the matter.

Our brother looks with disfavor on the Order of De Molay for Boys, as see from the following sentences on the subject from the review of South Carolina:

We do not think well of the movement. It savors too much of solicitation and begins very early. Masonry should, we think, let all come "of their own free will and accord" and should exercise no persuasive measures on those too young to have their judgments fully-developed.

His view of the Masonic standing of a "strike-breaker" versus a striker differs from all others that we have read. We know some excellent Virginians, office men, who went to terminal points technically as a strikebreaker, who are as near what a Mason should be as anybody we know; they made indescribable sacrifices, solely to protect the rights of the public.

Here is what the Correspondent thinks of them:

A strike-breaker deliberately goes to work to "supplant" another, and it is hard to conceive of one of that class being what a Mason should be.

It altogether depends on the sense of right and public duty. Most strikes are suicidal.

From the Washington proceedings he makes many quotations, among them the following as to De Molay:

To the writer it is a serious thing that this organization should be used as a "feeder" for Masonry, a "left-handed" way of soliciting membership, something which we are absolutely prohibited from doing for ourselves.

This reviewer has always had a special interest in North Carolina as his father's kith and kin settled near Weldon many years ago and one survivor still occupies the old home there.

J. LeGrand Everett, Rockingham, Grand Master.

Wm. W. Willson, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

M.W. Ralph L. Miller, Grand Master.

Membership 15,033. Net gain 260.

The photograph and biography of M.W. Bro. Miller, one of the young Grand Masters, precede the volume. The biography is by the veteran M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, who himself is a pillar, column and ornament of the Craft in North Dakota and beyond its boundaries.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge opened at Fargo, June 17th, 1924, in ample form. The 4th Chapter of the Epistle of John touching upon the great theme of "Brotherly Love" was read at the opening effectively.

The address of welcome was given by W. Bro. Geary, President of the City Commission, who incidentally well said:

Of course we need business, industrial and financial institutions, but more than these Loyalty, Friendship and Brotherly Love are needed. In picking a place of abode he said we want something besides bank balances and fine places of business. It takes sympathy and good will and righteousness. That is what this great organization teaches day in and day out.

Distinguished visitors from Montana and from Minnesota were received. Masons of 50 years standing were given the grand honors and following their reception "an old Masonic Hymn" to the tune of "America" was sung.

The Grand Master in his introduction says to all of us:

Remember, brethren, that the first working tool placed in the hands of an Entered Apprentice teaches the proper use of his time and the first period is set apart for the "Service of God and the relief of a distressed worthy brother." Then do we live by the plumb and act upon the square as taught by the working tools of the Fellow Craft? Each one of us must answer that question for himself. Finally, brethren, do we observe the lessons taught by the trowel, and endeavor to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us into a great Fraternity among whom there should be no contention except that of "Who best can work and best agree."

We quite agree with him that the "general" does not appeal so much as the special to men. He says:

My idea is that if the Craft are set to work on some specific job that greater interest will be manifest and hence there will be a greater attendance. Men like to see definite, concrete accomplishment and if they can, as the result of their labor, see such results, they are willing to go to greater lengths of personal sacrifice to bring them about.

Of course we appreciate the fact that Rotary Clubs have no non-resident members and that they have a perpetual contest in progress; accurate records are kept and reports rendered each month. However, we feel just a little jealous of the showing made in comparison to our own.

North Dakota is fortunate in bequests, though not fortunate through having its money tied up in a bank disaster; but in this mosaic of life the following paragraphs indicate great possibilities. When will our Canadian Brethren learn to remember Masonic philanthropies in their wills?

I am sure that you will all be interested to know that during the past year this Grand Lodge has been named as the beneficiary of two estates. In one case for an amount which will approximate \$20,000.00 and in the other the whole estate, which will be held in trust for the widow in case the brother's wife should survive him.

This is an extremely fine beginning of what we hope will become an established custom. What could be more gratifying than for a brother of means to make such a bequest, knowing that his money would be used for such a worthy cause as the building of a Masonic Home.

The Grand Master is very severe on the Ku Klux Klan and of the brethren who belong to it. He impresses us as being almost too unyielding in his interference with brethren as to their liberty of action in connection with matters that have nothing to do with Masonry. In this connection he actually visited personally and promptly ended a debate because the members of the Lodge were not penitent and he brought away their charter and records with him. While we believe in upholding the dignity of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, we think that much can be brought about by conciliation and recognition of the fact that there are different points of view which may be honestly maintained with regard to matters that are outside of Grand Lodge.



The report of the Grand Secretary is like that of the Grand Secretary of Nevada—unique. Space only permits one quotation:

We have had opportunities to meet the Craft over the entire state during the year and we say unhesitatingly that Masonry is gripping more and more men each year and in spite of the seeming apathy of many nominal Masons we are convinced that our program of Masonic Service and Education is winning. We cannot hope to reach all. There are some upon whom the spiritual appeal is lost and who see in Masonry only a play ground and this is said with no intent of disparagement of play and the play ground, but Masonry if rightly presented and understood must appeal to the highest elements in man's makeup.

A picture is given of Ole Stevens and his six sons, all of whom were raised together by Edmore Lodge, June 11, 1924, a perfect family number.

The Grand Librarian reports upon an institution of which our North Dakota brethren are justly proud, namely, their library and its various branches:

This year in these two classes we sent out two hundred and eighty-one, and have a long waiting list for many of the titles in these classes. Last year we had three hundred and twenty-seven borrowers; this year we have four hundred and fifty-eight. It all tells a story which we believe is one of utmost significance, and our hopes are high that a great intellectual awakening with all that implies, is upon us.

They have also a fine museum to which are being contributed many articles of historic value.

The Fraternal Correspondent, W. Bro. George H. Phelps, varied the usual proceedings by presenting his main report directly to Grand Lodge and having it dealt with there. It is full of interest as the following excerpts will show:

I trust that the brethren who read my report may get some information from it and that my effort may not be looked upon with disfavor by my brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions, sitting at the Correspondents' Round Table.

With regard to the dispute between Kansas and New Hampshire and New Hampshire's rigid demands, our colleague agrees with us in saying:

As a matter of fairness and justice, the New Hampshire law, which doubtless operates to deprive practically all but

members of that particular jurisdiction from the benefits of fraternal intercourse with the Lodges of that state should be repealed. I say this, fully realizing that I am butting my bald head against the granite rock of Yankee stubbornness, which we from Yankeeland dignify by the name of conservatism.

With regard to other matters in which we share concern as being important, he says:

Turning some of the power off the "Degree Mill" and applying it to educational work of various kinds seems to be one of the alterations now under way. Varying conditions preclude the possibility of adopting any standard blue-prints and specifications to follow in this work, but the Masonic Service Association is supplied with fairly acceptable designs and more are being drawn upon its trestle boards every year.

The Order of De Molay for boys is not meeting with the universal approval and the hearty co-operation and support which its merits and opportunity for service demand. That concerning any subject upon which the Grand Lodge has not legislated, the lodges may regulate themselves until the Grand Lodge has laid down a rule. That the Grand Lodge has full power to lay down any rule or pass any law at any time and that when such a rule is laid down or such a law is passed it must be obeyed by the subordinate lodges.

I have been favorably impressed with the idea that several Grand Bodies are advancing; of placing in the hands of the would-be candidate a short statement of the nature and purposes of the institution with which he is seeking to become affiliated. We rightfully insist on knowing what sort of person the candidate is before we admit him. The converse of this proposition is that the man who is desirous of becoming a Mason should be informed as to the general nature of the organization with which he is to become identified.

See also our Review of New Zealand as to this:

Some comment has been found on the subject of the so-called higher degrees, and the true relationship between the lodge and the co-ordinate bodies, the thought being that the candidate should "learn the multiplication table before he is put into algebra," or that he should become proficient in the work of the lodge before he is railroaded into some other body.

This is "some" report, comprehensive and thoughtful.

The Committee on Necrology say:

We must do our work and pass on. Pilgrims we are, and the sand covers our tracks, almost in the passing. Love alone endures and it will be well for us if, when we pass into the Unseen, we find those whom we have blessed, waiting to bid us welcome "into the eternal tents."

The report on the good of the Order by W. Bro. Wenzel, Grand Orator, is an able one as the following excerpts will prove :

Masonry has ever proclaimed—unfortunately, usually in the secrecy of its own Lodge rooms—that those who wear the emblem of the Fraternity upon their coats are worthy and well qualified, duly and truly prepared ; that they are men, humanitarian in their ideals, moral in their code of life, and tolerant of all religions ; that they are men who carry into actual daily performance brotherly love, relief and truth ; or, to use the language of one more qualified and capable of expressing the thought :

“We belong to an organization that claims the great and good of every race and clime, that finds with joy a grain of truth in every creed, and floods with light and love the germs of good in every soul.”

“He lived himself the truth he taught, white-souled, clean-handed, pure of heart.

“His statecraft was the Golden Rule, his right of vote a sacred trust.

“Clear, over threat and ridicule, all heard his challenge, ‘Is it just?’”

The reports of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education by W. Bro. Hutcheson are full of suggestions, practical and inspiring.

Among other things, he says :

And now assuming that the ritual makes the proper appeal and the rendition of it leaves nothing to be desired, can we expect to secure the regular attendance of our membership if this is the only incentive. We answer, No.

In conclusion your committee fully realizes that in the end each lodge must work out its own problems. We must never lose sight of the fact that a Masonic Lodge is never a club. That it has back of it centuries of history, tradition, usages, customs, and landmarks. These must never be lost or abandoned. The problem before us is to adapt our great fraternity to the changed and changing conditions of the present day.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. We always like to note their fidelity to duty.

Alexander B. Taylor, of Fargo, represents Canada. H. D. Leask, of North Bay, represents North Dakota.

The Thompson Memorial Prize Oration on "The Pillars of the Temple," by Brother Peterson, is a worthy effort.

Under the Fraternal Correspondence Review Canada is indexed under Ontario and our colleague is kind enough to say with regard to our Grand Master address:

The committee to which it was referred made this report on it:

"The address submitted is so full and able a presentation of the Grand Master's strenuous and faithful work during the year that the committee has been unable to digest and assimilate fully the many valuable suggestions made in the address. It is an able address and worthy of the Grand Master who delivered it."

We quite agree with the committee and to show why we do so submit sentences selected somewhat at random from the address.

With regard to the Correspondence Review of R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrove, for whose name the reviewer in vain sought in our Proceedings, he says appreciatively:

Owing to circumstances which made it impossible for Brother E. B. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to write the reviews the work was divided among several brethren. North Dakota for 1922 was written up by "R. C. B.," whose real name a diligent search fails to disclose.

He says of Grand Master Byorum's address that a fine note of optimism runs through it. He quotes the Grand Master's much quoted statement that we are a progressive and aggressive Grand Lodge, but does not make any comment indicating that such characteristic are not worthy of emulation. He thinks our Grand Secretary's report was particularly fine and quotes what he says concerning the Order of De Molay. Says he would like to reproduce all of Harold D. Shaft's prize oration on "A College Man's Creed" and does give two paragraphs in full. Of Brother Hager's report he says: "The effort is in keeping with the high standard of the whole volume." We are thankful to our anonymous brother for his kindness, courtesy and fraternal consideration and wish it were possible to place his name in our storehouse of memory as one who gives flowers to the living, while they can be appreciated, instead of placing them on one's tomb.



Under Manitoba we find this gem :

He enjoyed the lavish hospitality of the brethren without being incapacitated from performing his duty next day. (Has a real preacher's digestive organs, apparently). He admired the ingenuity displayed by many officers in keeping up interest in Lodge meetings, the dignity and beauty of carrying out their work, the introduction of educational and entertainment features and particularly the appointment of a "resourceful brother" to secure the attendance of lukewarm members.

From New York's review we take these extracts :

The employment bureaus maintained in the cities of New York, Brooklyn, and Buffalo afford an opportunity for service which is greatly appreciated and very helpful to the community.

We are glad to reproduce the following tribute: "This Grand Lodge is fortunate in having at its command the enthusiastic, inspiring services of Past Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell, who has caught the vision of advancement of Masonic education among the membership and is laboring with all his strength to bring home to the brethren the need of becoming imbued with the ideal of the Craft and to seek by study and earnest devotion to realize the opportunities for definite Masonic service to mankind."

M.W. Theodore S. Henry, Valley City, Grand Master.

M.W. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

## **NORTH CHINA (DISTRICT GRAND LODGE)**

Rt. Wor. Brother R. A. Ivy, D. G. Master.

Number of members 909.

A largely attended and wonderfully significant meeting was held at Shanghai, October 5th, 1922, at which many distinguished visitors were welcomed, the special guest being M.W. Brother Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Massachusetts and his escort. Representatives also of the District Grand Lodge of Japan and of Scottish Masonry in Northern China and of the District Grand Chinese Lodge of Massachusetts were present in large and distinguished numbers. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was saluted with all the honours.

The District Grand Master delivered an able address and pointed out that certain Grand Lodges were not recognized by British Jurisdictions including Belgium, Venezuela and Chili, "the two former appearing not only to allow a wide margin in freedom of belief but also to exclude the V. of the S. L. from their Lodges."

With regard to new Lodges and their founders he says cautiously:

If a brother who has been excluded from his Lodge for non-payment of his dues has to show that fact when he applies to become a Joining Member of a Lodge, it is even more desirable that he should give a clean Masonic bill of health before being allowed to become a Founder of a new Lodge.

He emphasizes a well known rule as follows:

All communications desired to be sent to him on Masonic matters of every kind shall be forwarded through the Grand Secretary. Disregard of this rule will not only lead to great inconvenience, but render communications irregularly sent liable to be laid aside.

With regard to Secretaries he says:

A Secretary's duties are such that if not carried out properly lead to endless complications for the District Grand Secretary.

It cannot be expected that a Junior Mason can be conversant with the Secretarial work of a Lodge which consists of many responsibilities.

He concludes by expressing the wish that the best traditions of our Order be maintained in their fullest splendour.

The address of M.W. Brother Arthur D. Prince was as usual with all his utterances, both eloquent and forceful.

The following extracts will appeal to the Brethren:

Freemasonry has its larger problems to deal with and here in China you have different conditions than anywhere else in the world, and I feel that our respective Grand Lodges would do well to leave the solving of those problems to those who know them best and who are at the head of Masonic affairs in China.

I have the feeling that whatever is done here in a Masonic way will be for the best and while on this subject, let me acknowledge the debt we of Massachusetts owe to your District Grand Lodge and in particular to your District Grand Master for the fostering care and assistance he has rendered in the establishment of our District Grand Lodge.

A day will come when war shall seem as impossible between Petersburg and Berlin as between Boston and Philadelphia. A day will come when bullets and bombs shall be replaced by ballots, by the unanimous suffrages of the people.

A day will come when a cannon shall be exhibited in our museums as an instrument of torture is today and men shall marvel that such things could be. A day will come when those two great groups the U.S. of America and the U.S. of Europe, standing face to face, shall extend their hands across the ocean exchanging their art, their genius, their commerce, colonizing the deserts, ameliorating creation under the eye of the Creator. Briton, American, Scot, Irishman, Brethren all."

What have we to do to hasten the coming of that Great Day?

"Love one another."

The membership of the District Grand Lodge shows a steady and healthful increase from 1912 and during the war they had 140 members on active war service. Hail to our loyal Eastern Brethren!

R.W. Brother W. King, Grand Secretary.

## NOVA SCOTIA

M.W. James Henry Winfield, Grand Master.

Membership 9,579. Gain 114.

A special Communication was held to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall at Lunenburg, 14th August, 1923, and a fine picture of the new "Blue Room" is given in the Proceedings.

Nova Scotia pays a worthy tribute to its Past Grand Masters in calling special Communications of Grand Lodge to attend the funeral, which they did in the case of the late M.W. Bro. Christie. This is an example which other Grand Jurisdictions, including ours, might well follow.

The corner-stone of the enlarged and remodelled Freemasons' Hall at Halifax was laid 31st May, 1924.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Bridgewater 11th June, 1924. Grand Master MacKay, of Prince Edward Island, was welcomed with grand honors.

Grand Lodge attended Divine Service and heard a wonderful sermon from Grand Chaplain Eaton from which we make some extracts. He symbolizes the Temple in our search for truth under three headings:

First, then, in the mind of God.

I wonder if this house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, of which you and I are small but constituent parts, suggests to you anything like what it does to me. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

I feel no embarrassment, I have no hesitation in declaring to this audience that the original plan of this structure is in the mind of the Almighty. It is the normal functioning of the divine intelligence that has first of all formulated those visible signs of beauty and strength which are seen by us, and which will yet be seen on earth.

Herein is the secret of our strength. No institution that ignores the deeper meaning of life and of the universe has a mortgage upon the future.

Next, actually realized.

From the mind of the Infinite to the mind and trestle-board of the chief architect; and then from his trestle-board to the actual structure on Mount Moriah.

So our institution in this world will be rightly gauged, take its standing, not primarily by the correctness and profoundness of the sketches on the trestle-board, the beauty of our theory, but by the success that we attain in making these things articulate in the lives of the craft.

The Grand Master's address ploughs a fertile field. He says:

An institution which lives entirely within itself, hiding its light under a bushel, can serve no good purpose. We, as Masons, must let our light shine before men that they may see our good works, that they may be led by the force of our example to themselves desire to live better, broader and nobler lives, to the end that all the world shall some day be one noble Brotherhood, who object shall be the service and uplifting of mankind.

He has visited during his two years of office every Lodge in the Jurisdiction at least once and as a reward (or a punishment) has been re-elected for the third year.

He attended at St. Johns, Newfoundland, with Lord Amphill, and says of their reception:



On arriving at St. Johns, our party was met by the Governor's representative, the Prime Minister, His Lordship the Mayor, and hundreds of the leading members of the Craft and private citizens. We were severally conveyed to the special homes to which we had been assigned, and from that hour until we left St. Johns on the Thursday noon following every moment was occupied.

From his decisions we take the following:

Scotia Lodge asks is it Masonically correct to send this information to the party asking for it, who signs himself "Committee of Enquiry," presumably of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In the decision given last year on this matter, which was approved by the Grand Lodge, this paragraph occurs:

"The Secretary, or any member of the Lodge, who gives to anyone outside, and particularly to a non-Mason, information on Masonic matters known to him because of his Masonic connections, commits a breach of discipline, and should be severely dealt with."

Of the Freemasons' Home he says unreservedly:

This institution, founded in Love and Charity, has well demonstrated its usefulness and the necessity for its existence.

From the report of the Trustees, to be submitted to you, it will be seen that in so far as current funds are concerned, it is amply provided for, but the Home is filled to capacity, and for sometime there has been a waiting list. Under the permission granted, the Trustees, at the last Annual Communication, this waiting list is being cared for outside; but this condition should not continue, and I am satisfied that we should without delay consider plans for the enlargement of the Home.

The Grand Secretary reports a successful Employment Bureau under his skilled management.

Canada's Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. John Hay, was present and honored with the other ambassadors of other Grand Lodges, among whom this reviewer welcomes the name of Bro. E. N. Clements, K.C., an old University comrade and friend.

R.W. Bro. George Malcolm, of Stratford, represents Nova Scotia in Canada.

The report on Correspondence is for the tenth time presented by Grand Secretary James C. Jones. What would Nova Scotia do without him?

The introduction has this comment and suggestion:

Freemasonry throughout the world is steadily marching forward. Many Grand Masters are stressing the great value and need of Masonic Education among the Craft in general and much progress has been made.

I note that one Jurisdiction has succeeded in having each of their Grand Representatives review the Proceeding of the Grand Lodge he represents. It seems to me that this must have a very beneficial result and cause each of them to take a direct interest in the welfare of the Jurisdiction they represent and make them feel that the honor conferred is not just an empty title.

British Columbia gives him and us something of interest:

But religion—the tie that binds the creature to the Creator—should be supported by Freemasons. The Church, standing as it does for all that ennobles life—brotherly love, the natural consequences of divine love, the sanctity of the home—Integrity and Truth—should have Freemasons ranged behind it as ardent supporters. Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Naval Lad Brigades, and all such kindred movements, drawing out the best that is in our young people, and teaching them good citizenship, should also be supported by the Craft. But it must be remembered that Freemasonry works, like leaven, in a quiet way; it does good by stealth; it is like the reinforcing steel, which, while stabilizing the structure, remains itself out of sight.

Without comment on, or approval of all the Grand Master says, we quote the above in full. Our only wonder is he did not add to Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Naval Lad Brigades, the Order of the Eastern Star as well as the Order of De Molay, and some similar organizations, certainly not unknown to our far western brethren.

Canada gives occasion for our colleague's very kindly and complimentary words. He says:

The two outstanding features of this very pleasant and highly important—almost historic—Communication were the addresses of the M.W. the Grand Master which for ground covered, eloquence of diction, report of work accomplished, and deep spiritual and Masonic thought, could hardly be surpassed. The other outstanding feature was the presence of such a galaxy of distinguished visitors, the reception and addresses to and from whom further allusion will be made.

He finds much of interest to quote and record and further says approvingly:

Masters and Wardens should cultivate the virtue of punctuality in opening their Lodges—and should allow no empty, unused minutes during the proceedings. Fill full the hours—fulfill your duty. Be alert—vigilant. Avoid laggard and lax lassitude and listlessness and remember that procrastination is more than the thief of time—it is the murderer of opportunity.

In the course of his remarks, Lord Amphill said:

Brethren, my thoughts have been irresistibly turned to the days of King Solomon, when I observed with great admiration and envy the nature of the patriarchal and autocratic sway which your Grand Master exercises over the five hundred lodges and the 100,000 Masons in his jurisdiction.

The Grand Master had charged him to say this:

I ask you to give my fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes to all brethren under my jurisdiction whom you may meet in Canada and Newfoundland; and also to all brethren of the Canadian Grand Lodges who may receive you. I knew many of them when I was in Canada, and I retain a very pleasant memory of their acquaintance. Tell them all I hope that they are getting on as well as we are in England.

From Illinois we are glad to learn that our colleague agrees with us with regard to the inconstant moon, as to which we wrote in last year's report. This should be the finishing touch:

In the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, like our own, they have, so called, "Moon" lodges and notwithstanding frequent recommendations from Grand Masters to change this system no change has been made and the Grand Master says there is not likely to be. That a lot of correspondence has taken place over this subject is quite evident, for the Grand Master writes:

"The volume of correspondence was so great that it finally got on my nerves, and in one case, intending to be sarcastic, I stated that I did not know whether the Egyptians in the time of Ptolemy had discarded this antiquated and pre-historic system of calculating time or not, but I thought they did soon afterwards at least."

Certainly, if the time for "Moon" Lodges ever did exist, and that is open to question, that time has long passed away, and like the Grand Master of Illinois, we trust that "Moon" Lodges will soon be relegated to the time of Ptolemy.

Massachusetts, as usual, furnishes much fruitful matter for the reviewer's pen and we reproduce these paragraphs:

As we read through the pages of this excellent volume, their educational value previously referred to becomes more and more apparent, and our difficulty lies not so much in looking for something worth while, as deciding what we can afford to omit.

Certainly not the following paragraph from the same Address, which we not only recommend to the careful attention of our readers, but would wish they could be given publicity in every lodge.

In the effort to satisfy the desire of members for social pleasures as a proper supplement to the degree work, some entertainment committees seem to have lost the sense of proportion and have presented entertainments at Lodge meetings which, to use a very mild term, are not elevating to the mind.

From a final report this verse gives us a worthy closing:

“All men’s good,  
Shall be each man’s rule, and universal peace  
Lie, like a shaft of light, across the land,  
And like a lane of beams athwart the sea.”

M.W. James Henry Winfield, Halifax, Grand Master.

R.W. James Clarence Jones, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

## OHIO

M.W. Campbell M. Voorhees, Grand Master.

Membership 187,701. Net gain 7,913.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication was held in Cleveland, October 15th, 1924.

The next Annual will be held at Columbus, October 21st, 1925.

In acknowledging the greetings by the Chairman of the local Committee and of Bro. W. R. Hopkins, who spoke both as a Mason and as the City Manager of the largest City in the world to be administered by one man, Bro. Hopkins saying among other good things:

This Order has long been one of the few truly world organizations; one of the few institutions of men with views broad enough, with life intense enough, with aims high enough to have a meaning and a value for all men everywhere. We are living in a day when



world relations are a fact as never before; when the unity of mankind is a reality to be faced for good or for evil as never before; when the life of this great Order has a potential power such as it never had, before.

The response by Bro. Andrews was warmly fraternal and he recited a poem of his own written at the 75th milestone of his life, adding:

When we go away from here it will be with empty purses but kindlier hearts, and we will cherish the recollection of our sojourn here.

The record, with the exception of Kentucky, in attendance of Past Grand Masters was reached by Ohio, 24 gracing the Grand East, laurels of winter round their brows, but summer in their hearts.

A long and able address was delivered by M.W. Bro. Watres of Pennsylvania regarding the Washington National Memorial.

The address of M.W. Bro. Voorhees shows a busy year and embodies many details, each indicating progress and activity. They do not lend themselves to quotation. He pays a well merited tribute to the late Grand Secretary Bromwell and to other deceased Brethren, with appropriate verses.

M.W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson, P.G.M. was appointed to fill the office.

102 Dispensations were issued and the Grand Master says:

There were a number of requests for Dispensations which were refused, principally for the reason that the Grand Master was without authority to grant them, and in some instances were refused for the reason that the Grand Master could not approve the same for the reason that they appeared unwise, and contrary to the practices of this Grand Lodge.

No less than 22 Cornerstones were laid, thus recognizing one of the great historic functions of Grand Lodge by the people of the State. We wish we could stir up the same spirit in Ontario.

Sir Alfred Robbins visited Ohio and in his two addresses created a very favourable impression.

His plea for co-operation and a mutual and appreciative understanding of world issues between this country and Great Britain

were eloquent and timely, and one could not help feeling that an interchange of representative men in the world of Masonry would serve to enhance the interest of peace and good will among the English-speaking people.

The Grand Lodge paid an official visit to the Masonic Home at Springfield and this opportunity was:

Fully appreciated by the Brethren, and much interest and enthusiasm was manifested by them. Frequent visits naturally enlist a greater interest, and a fuller realization that Masonry is indeed being exemplified in a lasting and constructive manner.

Correspondence outside the Grand Secretary and Grand Master is discouraged in all Jurisdictions, Ohio thus closing a case in question:

This letter of solicitation by the Building Committee was without the approval of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master thereof, and has since been disapproved by the Grand Master, as in violation of the policy of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary concluded his report:

It takes an intimate contact with the affairs of the office to be cognizant of the exacting care that is necessary if the work is prosecuted with correctness and efficiency and in keeping with the dignity and authority of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Let Masonry be on guard lest the world forget what makes this nation great and strong. These are my convictions as I viewed the possibilities of Masonry in Ohio during the past few months as your Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Necrology as usual, was in able hands and this lesson merits repeating:

But the fact of immortality and eternal life is based upon the development into being of the real self. There must be a personality to endure and that personality must express the finer qualities of being: "these three endure, faith, hope, and love." We believe that personality does survive the ravages of death and the grave. Our faith assures us that we are placed in this world for the distinct purpose of working out a quality of life that is worthy of immortality.

A beautiful picture of the Masonic Home and also of many of the Memorials and other adjuncts with the cottages, adorn many pages of the Proceedings. The main building is beautiful and striking architecturally and is an edifice of which any country might well feel proud with its central tower and turreted gables. Every possible provision is made both for comfort and for the

maintenance of self respect. There are 294 guests divided as follows: 116 men, 75 women, 58 boys and 45 girls.

The Foreign Correspondence was again prepared by M.W. Bro. O. P. Sperra, P.G.M., of Ravenna, whose name always reminds one of the old Latin anchor of practical hope—*fac et spera*. He precedes his review with this verse:

"By fate men wander far, some east, some west,  
The eyes see other places new and strange;  
In some new tree the doves rebuild their nest,  
The heart alone, of all things, knows no change."

Canada is treated like an old friend and we appreciate our colleague's pages of kindly review. He says:

A large and enthusiastic attendance of the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges was in evidence. We find the volume of Proceedings very interesting and filled with Masonic information. M.W. Bro. William N. Ponton, K.C., was on the Throne presiding, and his Address, like the man, was strong, able, and efficient. His love for the Order and his desires to keep it in line with the accomplishment for good was strongly in evidence.

He quotes specially our reference to "Thy children the Boys" and says further:

He makes brief suggestions on a few current topics of lodge interest. We clip two of these for the benefit of our Ohio brethren, that they may have not alone the idea but the actual expression of a wise and conscientious Executive.

Another wise admonition made by him is the selection of the Junior Officers, so that if the line of succession is observed those qualified will be selected to fill the major important places.

He comments upon R.W. Bro. Brown's able Correspondence Review as a thorough analysis of the various Proceedings submitted.

He is loath not to reproduce the great evening meeting in Massey Hall, but is limited to the closing words which he appreciates:

Now, Brethren, we are all going to sing as we do at every Lodge meeting, and as the United Empire Loyalists sang in the grand old foundation days of our Province—that wonderful triumphant anthem: "GOD SAVE THE KING!"

Under California he notes that two Governors of the State had asked the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stones of the State Buildings at San Francisco and Sacramento.

With reference to the right of Masonic Bodies to participate in a public parade he quotes under Florida the following:

I denied the application of one Lodge for a Dispensation to participate as a body in a public patriotic parade on the Fourth of July, and of another Lodge to join in an Armistice Day parade, believing that in normal times it is better that Masonic Lodges appear in public only upon strictly Masonic occasions.

Utah gives him the old favorite:

A King can make a gartered knight,  
And breathe away another:  
But he, with all his skill and might,  
Can never make a Brother.

In New Mexico the Grand Secretary's son has been distinguishing himself and emulating his sire.

We cannot resist quoting Bro. Sperra's conclusion:

Discouragements and disappointments are being rapidly overcome and losing their force with the Craft generally, and the work of advancement in brotherly helpfulness is steadily gaining in force and effectiveness.

"There are days when it takes courage  
To face problems in your life,  
And a whiner never wins out  
If there comes a day of strife;  
Stick your chin out straight before you,  
Keep your head up all the while,  
Use a lipstick—if you have to—  
And put on a pleasant smile."

The special reception of Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins of England is reported in full with the addresses of welcome and the stirring response. While Sir Alfred was being conducted to the East the chorus sang God Save the King.

The humor of Past Grand Master Melish must have proved irresistible but he could be serious too:

It has been a great pleasure to have you with us, and I am sure I can speak for the Grand Master and for the Past Grand Masters and for these Brethren that belong to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, that in everything that the Grand Lodge, the Mother Grand Lodge of England may start and in which she may ask our help, you may count



upon Ohio, the fourth Grand Lodge in point of numbers in the United States, to come right to the front and be with you through everything and for everything in the way of Masonry.

1,059 members attended Grand Lodge.

Canada is represented by Bro. F. S. Harmon of Cleveland, who was present. R.W. Bro. George Moore of Hamilton, represents Ohio.

M.W. James B. Ruhl, Cleveland, Grand Master.

R.W. Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

## OKLAHOMA

M.W. W. E. Stuart, Grand Master.

Membership 62,793. Net gain 3,063.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State but the Thirty-second of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, was held at Oklahoma City, February 26th, 1924.

The West is distinguished by the loyal allegiance of the Past Grand Masters and no less than 20 of them honored Grand Lodge by their presence at the opening.

The welcome given on behalf of Joppa Lodge and the city laid the emphasis on power, Brother Pope saying:

Power, my brethren. Then let us approach this annual communication with the consciousness of the power which we represent.

In the language of service have Masonry's most glorious pages of history ever been written. Let us guard the Landmarks and traditions of the Order as we would the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord; but let us with fidelity and zeal translate the spirit of those landmarks and traditions into service.

Canada was represented by Bro. Almer E. Monroney.

The Grand Master in his address stated that the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was organized in the Choctaw Nation in 1874 and adds:

As we look over in retrospect the accomplishments of the last fifty years in the amassing of wealth, the methods of rapid transportation and travel, the accomplishments of science in all its branches, the expressions of brotherly thought and kindness as expressed in our charitable and benevolent institutions and hospitals, and then try to judge the future by what has been accomplished in the past, we can but stand in amazement at what our children may experience. I trust that your dreams, even though they may be pipe dreams, of what is to transpire in the next fifty years, may all come true.

A unique and appealing ceremony introduces his tender allusions to the illustrious Dead and is thus recorded:

Our Sister Grand Lodges have also suffered the loss of many of their leaders. I will ask our Senior Grand Deacon to place a white flower on our altar for each of these as I read their names, as a mark of our respect and loving remembrance.

With regard to the Masonic Home he says:

The work of completing this home for our children is now a reality, as the Masonic Home family have moved into the new buildings, and are delighted with their new home.

Among his decisions we find the following:

Does the failure of the Master to ask the Wardens for a report after they have inspected the ballot, invalidate same?"

I held that this omission on the part of the Master does not invalidate the ballot.

The address of the Grand Orator is a feature of the Oklahoma Craft. From it we excerpt a few paragraphs:

Naturally this institution then grows up around, or has in its midst the scholar, the wise one, the student. In ancient days its membership was made up of that class of people.

Consequently the earlier members our institution appear as the student, the Free Man, a man that goes out to find a thing for himself, to find God, and to know Him.

Masonry is not an accident. It is a growth and a development. It is an institution that has come out of thinking and planning, right thinking and right planning, and therefore it becomes a sort of balanced institution in the minds of the civilized world today.

Then I think we ought to say that, as far as our influence is concerned, and as far as our fraternity is concerned, we shall look with disfavor and frown upon any man as a teacher who

seeks to take the great truths of that Book and destroy them in the minds of the young.

A questionnnaire of a very elaborate nature was suggested for all candidates but did not meet with the approval of the Committee to whom it was referred. In our opinion nothing can be too searching in connection with the investigation of both character and standing.

The Library in connection with the Masonic Home is reported as in a flourishing condition with many annual additions.

The Architects have been instructed to prepare plans for erecting a fireproof dormitory for the old folks just east of the Temple with every comfort provided.

The Masonic Service Association has been doing great work in the State.

The De Molay work is praised but evidently all brethren do not give it support and the Committee urge the

giving the boys who should learn to mingle with men the companionship of good men, and by commending everywhere whatever good they find in the De Molay work.

They also commend the Rainbow Girls and the Boy Scouts.

From the report of the Committee on the Home we take these satisfying and praise-worthy comments:

From an institution it has grown into a Home that loving kindness and a happy atmosphere always makes.

Our children are beautifully housed; nicely, comfortably clothed; given every care when ill, and their bodily welfare is looked after as carefully as their moral training. They are given every opportunity for educational advancement, and are taught to do properly the work of any home. They are surrounded with evidence of culture and refinement.

All honor to Oklahoma for their good work done in this best of all forms of practical philanthropy.

Oklahoma is represented by R.W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, of Brantford.

Thomas Chauncey Humphry, whose strong face with firm mouth and matured experience adorns the report, gives us his nineteenth review, and speaking of the passage of fifty years, says in his preface:

The Government of the world had rulers then that have crossed the continent of this life, and only live as a memory.

U. S. Grant was president of the United States, Queen Victoria sat on the throne of England and Marshall McMahon was president of France.

We appreciate his report on Canada, 1923. He finds our address interesting, and adds:

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada contain so much interesting reading that it is impossible with limited space to do justice to the jurisdiction by copy and comment.

He quotes:

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Bro. Thomas Chauncey Humphry, who in his foreward takes note of the innumerable organizations of our time, and sees a world gone mad with the commotion of them. We think he is right.

Under Louisiana we find this triplicate summary of merit:

Washington—who founded the Union.

Jackson—who perpetuated the Union.

Lincoln—who preserved the Union.

As to the dispute between Kansas and New Hampshire, the latter requiring of their visitors almost the impossible, our colleague declines to be drawn into the dispute, saying:

It turned out that it was a man and his wife fighting. He said he learned a lesson not to take sides when a man and his wife are fighting. So we will not settle the war between the Grand Jurisdictions.

It having been stated that Oklahoma had recognized the Grand Orient of Italy, Brother Humphry says:

The W. V. Reviewer is wrong as to Italy. The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma recognized the National Grand Lodge of Italy, but refused to recognize the Grand Orient of Italy.

M.W. Henry S. Johnston, Perry, Grand Master.

M.W. William M. Anderson, Guthrie, Grand Secretary.



**OREGON**

George Thomas Cochran, Grand Master.

Membership 26,825. Net gain 1,495.

A fine biography of Grand Master Cochran opens the Proceedings. He is evidently a man and a Mason, in fact we in Canada might think him too cosmopolitan and "universal" as will appear in this review. From his "life" we take the following eulogy:

World-wide contacts have broadened the Masonic life of Most Worshipful Brother Cochran. Oriental travel and distant domicile have afforded rare opportunity to view the universality of Masonry, and enriched his experience with the evidence that in every country and in every clime are Masons to be found.

The broad sympathies and charitable impulses of Brother Cochran have made him particularly active in affairs of the Home.

As trustee and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, he has been alert to the needs of the Home and active in promoting the usefulness of that institution. In the same official capacities, he has aided continuously the work by making available the income of the educational fund for the education of orphan children of Master Masons.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication was held at Portland, Oregon, June 11th, 1924.

The Grand Master quoted in his address this outstanding verse which will appeal to our brethren here:

"It is our joy in life to find, at every turning of the road,  
The strong arms of a comrade kind to help us onward with  
our load.  
And since we have no gold to give, and Love alone must  
make amends,  
Our only prayer is while we live, God make us worthy of  
our friends."

He calls attention to many loans made to Lodges by Grand Lodge to aid in building Temples. When will our Grand Lodge consider this? We cannot have too many centres of the Craft in possession and in fee simple.

A central Masonic Temple is being erected in Portland, Oregon, at a cost of a million dollars.

The Grand Master is an enthusiast with regard to Father and Son week. He says:

The home and the family are especially the care of every Mason.

The sons who grow up in the household are the rough ashlar from which sturdy men and substantial characters are hewn. Many times, however, father is not able to meet his son on the level, and cannot always direct the laying of the first stone in his spiritual building in the northeast corner.

Among his rulings we find the following:

It is consistent with Masonic usages and landmarks for a Lodge to employ an attorney for a money consideration to prosecute one of its members in a lodge trial.

Loans have been made from the Educational Fund to 26 students during the year. This is indeed practical Masonic philanthropy.

Under Necrology he writes:

The great heart of Masonry beats in sympathy for its votaries who are in sorrow. We share with them their burdens, and together we look to the Most High God for strength and consolation.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

He concludes with a call for human action:

In human affairs, God's love must work by human hands. We may, in our daily life, in house or field or shop, help to prepare the way for that universal brotherhood which is slowly but surely approaching. At all times life is a battle.

The Grand Orator delivered a very able address on "Some of the Truths in Masonry," from which we take the following:

In business the influence of Masonry flows deep and strong. Like the Gulf stream surging through the broad Atlantic, warming and moderating wherever it touches, so is the influence of Masonry in our business relations.

"As we journey along through life,  
'Tis the set of the soul that determines the goal,  
And not the storms and the strife."

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

No less than 19 Past Grand Masters adorned the Grand East. May their shadow never grow less.

The responses of the D.D.G.M.'s to their special welcome was ably founded on this text:

"To each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules:  
And each must build ere life is closed  
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

The Home fills a large place in the progressive work of Oregon.

The Committee in their report say:

We feel that we have been engaged in a noble work, in carrying out the desire of the Grand Lodge and its motive in building and operating the Home. Every member of the Grand Lodge and the craft of Oregon, in each and every branch of Masonry, will feel the pride of achievement and a measure of success in the Home that your committee enjoys at this moment.

The Employment Bureau in this as in other Jurisdictions sets a pace for us. Total positions filled by the Committee during the year were 1,871.

The British tribute to George Washington at the time of the laying of the corner-stone in Washington apparently touched our United States brethren very deeply and earnest appreciation is spoken. International courtesy is never wasted.

We wish that space permitted us to reproduce the whole of the Report on Necrology. It is a glowing expression of belief in the immortality of the soul—the union of spirit and matter—and most convincing and inspiring quotations are made both from Shakespeare and from Victor Hugo as well as from the V.S.L. The thirst for the Infinite proves Infinity.

The Order of DeMolay appears to stand on a high pedestal in Oregon with nearly every other Craft "auxiliary" and we do not wonder that the Brethren fell under the spell of the fervor and eloquence of Bro. Alexander G. Cochran, of Missouri, who gives a wonderful tribute to the Order. Incidentally, he gives us some interesting information:

There are 15,000,000 people in the United States today that do not speak the English language. They cannot understand us unless they speak the English language. They ought to be taught the English language. They must be taught in our schools (applause).

He concludes with the following glowing paragraph:

Oh, how happy you will be if a smiling and angelic face can look into yours, a hand laid upon your shoulder and say: "My dear brother, you have brought a big account in this heavenly bank." "How have I? I never deposited anything here." "Oh, yes; deeds of kindness; yes, deeds of consecration; yes, deeds of self-sacrifice; your love, your charity, your goodness on earth, each one of them is entered here as something of priceless value to your credit." Brothers, make that account of yours good, and you cannot do it better than to have one entry pledged there in colors of gold: "He saved the boys of the De Molay."

First the sons, then the daughters; next, what? Hear this resolution commending the "Daughters of Job" in the following words:

Whereas, there is at present a sister organization for girls in this Grand Jurisdiction, known as The Daughters of Job, which is at present doing immeasurable good for our young women, and which already has the approval of the Grand Chapter, Order of The Eastern Star:

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That this Grand Lodge at this session give its approval and encouragement to the organization known as The Daughters of Job.

Estimable as they are, has not a Masonic Grand Lodge sufficient work within itself without tacking on more fraternities and more sororities?

No less than seven corner stones were laid during the year. This as it should be.

W. Bro. Kenneth J. Dunstan represents Oregon in Canada, while W. Bro. Donald McKay, of Portland, represents Canada in Oregon.

The Correspondence Report is by M.W. Bro. David P. Mason, P.G.M., who is an outstanding figure in the State and the State Craft.

Apparently he does not entirely agree with the Grand Lodge of Oregon, for in his introduction he says:



The fez, like the proverbial dime held before the eye which can obscure the sun, seems to blind the eyes of many to the character building teachings of the symbolic degrees.

These "appendant orders," as our Grand Master, Frank S. Baillie, called them, seem to have gone to extremes in Ohio. The Grand Master of Ohio reports the Grotto as breaking the laws of Masonry and the state, in giving Sunday circuses, and using gambling devices.

Some will agree with him, others will disagree. He softens the blow by giving a final touch:

Fun, clean fun, is right, if it does not keep these extraneous orders from the big things Masonry stands for. The Shrine is doing some splendid constructive work in the building of hospitals for crippled children.

The members of the Round Table will all welcome this gem which he takes from Alabama:

I have read with a great deal of pleasure the reports of these correspondents, and I want to express my appreciation to them for the unselfish service that they are rendering. They are possibly not appreciated as they should be, and before I lay aside the gavel I desire to let them know that Alabama loves them and appreciates them. Let us scatter flowers along their paths.

Canada is courteously and generously reviewed and we appreciate very much his kindly personal remarks. He quotes and says:

"Brethren, I vouch for it, that no man can close the open door of hospitality of the City of Philadelphia, or of the whole Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, whose honored and respected representatives we welcome here today.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is an able paper, worthy of the bar, of which Brother Ponton is a distinguished member.

He approves of what we said regarding Immigration and expresses it as follows:

After an official visit to Northern Ontario, he realizes the potential wealth of that region, with room and welcome for thousands of industrious settlers.

"We must actively fight the influence of that selfish propaganda, which, under the subtle guise and cry of an artificial "standard of living," would strangle every effort to people our province with the best. These demagogues are not the representatives of true and loyal labor. It would be suicidal to continue to try to live in airtight compartments. No country

with the attributes of a nation can live in isolation—without progress and increase, as without vision, the people perish.”

This is applicable to our own country, and to the new immigration laws which seek to favor labor unions, and hinder development of our land.

Usually, we have to be reminded that we have a soul as well as a body, but this Grand Master teaches us a lesson, in putting the soul, the spirit of Masonry, first and considering the temporal later.

With regard to our predecessors in this Correspondence Review he says:

Brother E. B. Brown, for some years chairman of the committee on fraternal correspondence, on account of legal duties, was forced to resign, and the work was taken up by a group of several brethren, though the most of it was done by Brother R. C. Blgrave, D.D.

Our western State of Oregon appears to love the old Eastern place names as will appear by the following:

Oliver P. Coshow, Salem, Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary.

David P. Mason, Albany, Fraternal Correspondent.

## PENNSYLVANIA

R.W. Samuel M. Goodyear, Grand Master.

Membership 199,840. Increase 6,241.

Excellent pictures of the pioneer of noble Masonic Temples in Philadelphia and of Grand Master Goodyear precede and adorn the volume of Proceedings.

Quarterly Communication was held March 5th, 1924.

P.G.M. Beitler reported that \$250,000 had been received from Bro. John Smith, of Philadelphia, for the erection and furnishing of a Home for Boys to be added to the already splendid Homes at Elizabethtown. \$50,000 had also been given to constitute a William Luther Gorgas Memorial Fund and of the

deceased in whose memory the endowment had been made it is said in a fine biography:

Above all and beyond all he was a Blue Lodge Mason, and regarded his title as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge as the crowning honor of his life. He firmly believed that the "I wills" and "I will nots" of the Master Mason Degree represented the consummation of the defined duty of man to himself, his God and to his fellows.

Having acquired a substantial estate by his own endeavor, he was tenderly touched by the condition of our helpless and dependent ones. The old, the sick and the children were special objects of his tender regard.

The Masonic Homes presented to his head and heart the wisest solution for their helplessness, and he devoted himself to furnishing to them the best of earth's comforts.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania accepts, as a sacred contribution to its funds, the securities amounting to \$50,000 delivered to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, with the fraternal assurance to each of the donors, that these funds will be consecrated to the uses and purposes specified in their donation.

M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder delivered a long and interesting address on the International Association.

The Committee on Appeals reported in a case before them as follows:

Grand Lodge can only on the facts of the case remove the expulsion and restore him to good Masonic standing. The expulsion severed his connection with the Lodge as effectively as if he had never been a member. A restoration will only place the Brother in condition to apply to the Lodge, or any other Lodge he may select, for admission to membership by petition, and to obtain it he must pass the ordeal of the ballot.

The Grand Master reported a gift to the Masonic Home equally large of its kind when compared with the magnificent donations recorded above, the gift of Bro. Blair, who left one-quarter of his estate amounting to \$200. The Grand Master wished to emphasize that small gifts will be welcomed and it is the spirit that counts.

The Grand Master delivered a very brief address but full of matter. We make the following extracts,

and with regard to the Shrine and other Bodies I may say that the Committee subsequently reported favorably as to the future.

From investigations made covering the matter complained of, disclosures followed which, to say the least, did not reflect credit upon the part of those in interest, such as common gambling, objectionable advertising, indecent shows, etc.

These complaints involve the Shrine, the Tall Cedars, Grotto, Tyrians and Masonic Clubs. In two instances the chief excuse was to raise money, while in another instance it was perhaps due to a lack of money with which to provide a good clean program of amusement, hence a cheap imitation on a low moral tone was staged.

A Mason's good standing in the Fraternity is always dependent upon his obedience to the Rules, Regulations and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, and it is quite clear that the Brethren responsible for the matters complained of are answerable as Masons for their conduct.

It would be unfair and unjust to place all outside organizations in one group as offenders, hence our present inclination is to sit in judgment upon each organization offending as a unit.

I ask, therefore, and shall confidently expect, to have the hearty co-operation of every member of Grand Lodge, and especially each District Deputy, in seeing to it that the activities of all organizations in his District, which predicate their membership on Masonry, shall be counselled and admonished regarding this growing menace, with a view to eliminating such activities as will, if continued, bring discredit upon Masonry.

See Grand Master's Annual Address hereafter.

Quarterly Communication was held June 4, 1924, and an In Memoriam address was delivered on the late R.W. Bro. William B. Meredith, whom the writer well remembers as Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Of him it is said:

Brother Meredith knew but one Masonry, that Masonry, pure and simple, which came to him from our Masonic Fathers. He had but one conception of right, and firm in his ideals, true to his convictions, he was unswerving in his adherence to the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Craft, and stood as a rock against innovation.

"But still the gentle, cheery, gray  
Old friend will haunt the place  
Where once he worked for us; and still  
Down many years his memory will  
Be green in many hearts.



Pray God, like him, we run our race,  
And know the brightness of death's face,  
And grandly play our part."

The Deputy Grand Master reported another bequest to the Masonic Homes from the late Bro. Henry J. Miller, who some years ago visited the Home and was so favorably impressed that he made this great philanthropy his residuary legatee.

Quarterly Communication was held September 3rd, 1924.

The Grand Master approved the holding of Past Masters' Nights and ordained as follows:

This beautiful custom is not only a well merited tribute to those who in the past have rendered faithful and efficient service in the Lodge, but one which will contribute much toward keeping in closer touch with the Lodge those who, by reason of their years of experience, should be a valuable asset to every Lodge.

Permission is hereby granted Lodges to print in their monthly notices, the subject of the address, the name of the authorized Lecturer who will deliver the same, together with the hour fixed for its delivery.

The writer had the great pleasure of meeting several times in London, England, Past Grand Master Brother Abraham M. Beitler, whose hospitality in Philadelphia he so well remembers. We met and shared a bountiful welcome at Cliveden from Lady Nancy Astor, and he gave an interesting report of his visit to England to his Brethren of Grand Lodge which is thus recorded:

P.G.M. Brother Abraham M. Beitler then addressed the Grand Lodge and related some of his experiences, visiting the Grand Lodge of England and being present at the installation of the Duke of York, the second son of King George, as Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

Probably no Jurisdiction in the world receives so many bequests for the Homes as Pennsylvania. The spirit is cultivated year after year and appears to be contagious. Bro. T. B. Dornan closed a life full of activities and after leaving bountiful gifts to the Presbyterian Homes he left the balance to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The bequest will be approximately \$150,000.

Quarterly Communication was held December 3rd, 1924.

The trustees of many former bequests made elaborate and business-like reports of their administration in connection with the Homes and charities, all audited and approved.

The great Temple in Philadelphia is still the Mecca of the Craft. Nine thousand and sixty-three persons were conducted on pilgrimages through the wonderful building during the year, among them Sir Alfred Robbins.

From the report of the General Committee on Masonic Homes we take the following:

The affairs of the Homes have progressed so smoothly, and the duties and responsibilities of the various sub-committees and the officers and employees have been so admirably and satisfactorily discharged, that the report of your Committee becomes, necessarily, a simple statement of the work for the year.

The fame of our Homes is not only nation wide but international, and if any doubt exists as to it being to the members of the Fraternity and their families throughout the land, the "Mecca" of Masonic charity, one only needs to scan the record of registered visitors in recent years.

In 1924 visitors to the Home numbered 33,894. Books donated to the library of the Home amount to nearly 13,000 volumes.

The Employment Bureau reports 955 applicants placed during the year at an average annual salary of \$1,348.

The Deputy Grand Master reported another bequest from Mrs. Sproal, a widow whose brothers had belonged to the Craft, amounting in all to nearly \$33,000. Grand Lodge might well, as it did, close in harmony at 9 p.m.

The Annual Grand Communication was held December 27, 1924, Grand Master Goodyear on the throne—to use a phrase that will not be out of place in this conservative Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Clandestine Lodges reported that a Body calling itself the A. A. S. Rite Universal had been taken under the wings of the Grand Orient of France, paying France annually \$10 for each active Lodge and buying all diplomas of the Grand Orient for 15 francs each on parchment, printed in both English and French. The Committee thus comments:

We feel that Pennsylvania should with the utmost emphasis denounce this action of the Grand Orient of France. We cannot acknowledge the right of any other Grand body outside our Grand Jurisdiction (whether regarded by us as legitimate or not—whether in fraternal relations with us or not) to invade the territory of our Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master teems with good things. From his opening we take this paragraph:

On occasions like this, however, we do well to bear in mind that in a large measure we are inheritors of the noble endeavor and glorious achievement of those who in years gone by have labored diligently to lay the broad foundation and erect the super-structure of Masonry, which we are today privileged to safeguard and carry on.

R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins had been cordially received and this event is thus chronicled:

These visits between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are not only a great source of pleasure in themselves, but tend to a better understanding and a closer and more intimate relationship between our respective countries, as well as a fuller realization of the ideals which we all seek to inculcate in our Masonic teachings.

Under the ballot we have these strong and convincing expressions of official opinion:

If recommenders "knew" the man whose petition they sign, and if time and care is given by the committee appointed to make the necessary inquiry, comparatively little use will be found for a right use of the blackball.

It has already been decided that "the ballot is not to be polluted by petty malice," and one who thus wields the power which Masonry gives him, and excludes from our Lodges those against whom there is no other objection, has been declared by Grand Lodge "to violate his obligation, to be a foe to Masonry and false to every principle of duty and right, and unfit to belong to the Craft."

So general has become the use of the blackball in some Lodges that it may almost be said they have ceased to function.

Grand Lodge, by its solemn act, confers by its Warrant the right to disseminate Masonic light, and when a Lodge so far forgets its sacred duty and ceases to confer upon those worthy, the prayer of their petition, it would seem to be the part of wisdom and our plain duty to lift such a Warrant and place it in the hands of Brethren who will, in a conscientious manner, use the authority so given in accordance with the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of our Fraternity.

With regard to the outside Organizations above referred to and investigated by the Committee, the Grand Master frankly and generously says:

In passing it is but fair to state that those guiding the destiny of these outside organizations manifested a true Masonic spirit and co-operated in a whole-hearted manner to bring about the desired end.

At present the chief offenders are to be found in many of the so-called Masonic clubs, a number of which have recently sprung into existence, and most of which lack the funds necessary to give adequate support, with the result they are tempted to engage in practices to raise funds that are either unlawful or unbecoming a body of Masons, or as has been the case in some instances, both.

A roll of honor of "Our Soldier Dead," 268 members, had been made and through the generosity of Robert Burns Lodge there has been planted on a prominent knoll at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, an oak grove containing 268 trees, a tender memorial to our dead soldiers. The Grand Master recommends an appropriation of \$20,000 for a suitable monument. Hearts of oak are not confined to our own Navy.

With regard to the Masonic International Association the Grand Master says:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is willing and anxious to promote a friendly feeling between Masons hailing from every country, provided in so doing we are not called upon to sacrifice that which we always have, and I trust always will regard, as fundamental, a firm belief in God.

Among the decisions we find these two of interest:

I decided that the term "Masonic Temple" could be only applied to a building absolutely restricted to Masonic purposes.

Refused permission to a Lodge to hold its rehearsal of work and instruction of candidates in rooms of a Masonic club.



The final valedictory is couched in noble words:

So, my Brethren, the record ends. Conscious of our many failures but with a firm and steadfast trust in God, let us press forward into the New Year with a strong determination to address ourselves to the tasks which remain upon the "trestle board."

"Fight with the arms of love,  
Press to the Lodge above,  
Never despair.  
Our work is just begun,  
Toil till your task is done,  
Speed till the goal is won,  
The prize is there."

We do not forget R.W. Bro. Goodyear's address in Toronto in 1923.

The writer notes with pleasure that one of the kith and kin of his forbears was Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1831 and 1832—Michael Nisbet.

The report on Correspondence is written by a committee of five, of whom R.W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman is appropriately the chairman, and the review is full of original thought and of worthy comment.

Under Alabama the report says:

A Grand Master is rewarded only with the honors of his office—plus more or less criticism from those who have no grasp of the situation or are looking for special favors. Many a strong man avoids the responsibility; he must feel as Grand Master Spearman expressed it: "It has afforded me an avenue for service that could not possibly be reached by any other channel."

The Grand Master was especially interested in the Masonic Home, "an everlasting monument to the memory of our great Brotherhood."

Canada for 1924 is given ample space and ample praise.

Our colleagues' conclusion is:

Therefore, it may be truly said that all is well with Masonry in the Province of Ontario.

We quote also in full this brotherly advice and fraternal admonition from the greatest authority in the world:

A committee which had been appointed to investigate the problem reported against a Masonic Home; that arrangements be made to place "Hospital or Aged cases" in Institutions in different parts of the Province; that provision be made to assist in the education and maintenance of Masons' orphans; that a special committee be appointed to work out plans along those and other lines to remedy existing defects in their system of Masonic charity. This plan was agreed to by Grand Lodge. We venture to say that such a plan may develop into a cold-blooded business proposition; that it may exclude the intimate touch of brotherly concern upon which Masonic charity is based; that the inspiration and blessing that should come to the benefactor are lost in the dollar-and-cents phase of it. The Masonic Home more nearly expresses the idea of brotherly love than any other scheme of Masonic charity we can think of.

With regard to education and addresses to the members suggested by Grand Master Drope, our colleagues say:

It would seem to us better that Grand Lodge should organize the movement, with a uniform, systematic method, if satisfactory results are to be expected. He had the correct general idea, however, when he said:

"Masonry should be educative. Its study broadens the mind and sharpens the intellectual faculties. We must not hide our light under a bushel, but we must be ready and willing when occasion arises to give not only of our substance, but also impart intellectual light and knowledge to the younger and more inexperienced brethren."

As to spurious copies of the so-called "Work," Pennsylvania suggests:

The sale of these spurious works, claimed to be exposes of Masonry, is perennial, appealing to the morbid curiosity of readers both outside of the Craft and in it. It would seem that to suppress the fraud the best method is to ignore it.

This reviewer is glad that his report on Correspondence of last year was appreciated as both very fraternal and extended, and especially in his personal remembrance of Pennsylvania brethren.

Connecticut, represented by Bro. Kies, and Pennsylvania, are having a delightfully warm interchange on the Order of the Eastern Star, Brother Kies contrary to the view of Pennsylvania.

Scouting the possibility that the O.E.S. may be a base from which to work for the admission of women to Masonry, he says: "Every well informed Mason knows that such procedure

is absolutely impossible." We warn Brother Kies to be less assertive; during his young life he may be put to the test; and with his well-known chivalry he may yield to the blandishments of the fair sex and favor an open door to the Fraternity! Why not, if they are so important and valuable to the Craft on the side lines? In Connecticut the O.E.S. is contributing generously to the Grand Lodge in money, time and service. How long will they be content with thanks only, and the approving smiles of the Brethren? The American woman is asserting herself in every direction. Why not take her into Connecticut Masonry? What's the objection, Brother Kies? She may some day protest against "taxation without representation."

Iowa pleases him with this paragraph:

His estimate of Pennsylvania's efforts to attain a high degree of heart Masonry was thus expressed: "For the size, diversity and number of its charitable operations, Pennsylvania has a proud place at the top of the list of our Grand Jurisdictions."

Kansas contributes the following:

He did not believe in a nationalized, or internationalized Freemasonry, nor that it can be aided by alignment with it of "various rites, organizations and isms that have from time to time attempted to attach themselves, with more or less proximity, to our Fraternity."

In our opinion it was pretty good, old-fashioned, conservative Masonic doctrine.

With regard to the Klan, Kentucky gives our colleagues material from which to draw the following conclusion:

The incident appears to show that despite Masonry's antagonism to the Klan it is making an impression upon certain elements of the Craft. The Klan is getting a lot of advertising from its political, religious and social enemies, which appears to attract misguided adherents to it.

Tennessee suggests the following thought:

We venture to predict that, in view of the recent, unprecedented rush for Masonry and the enormous and mounting cost of Masonic administration, especially for Masonic Homes and other charities, the not distant future will see some such investigation by questionnaire adopted by all Grand Lodges. The fear is growing that Masonry is departing—its management—from the one-time notion of a "very select" class of men, physically and morally.

There is so much of original matter in this Fraternal Review that the temptation is great to make still larger quotations but space forbids, and we sum up with this conclusion of the Chairman:

He submits the foregoing with the hope that the reader may find something herein to interest him in the record of world Masonic movements for the years 1923 and 1924, from which he may make his own deductions concerning the state and progress of the Craft.

Samuel M. Goodyear, Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Frederic Harper Stevens, Grand Master.

Membership 6,685. 93 Lodges. Gain 5.

On the seal of Grand Lodge is the motto, "In the Lord is all our trust."

The picture of the new Grand Master, Wenceslao Trinidad, precedes the volume of interesting proceedings.

The Twelfth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Manila, 22nd of January, 1924. Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

W. Bro. Leo Fischer acted as official interpreter.

Canada was represented by Brother Quintin Paredes.

Apparently Grand Lodge is incorporated for legal purposes, as recess was taken to transact the business of the Corporation.

The Grand Master, addressing the Grand Representatives, said:

It is your duty to inform this Grand Lodge of any beneficent legislation enacted by the Grand Lodge which you represent, and *vice versa*.



The office which you hold is not one wherein you simply receive a diploma and year after year stand in line and listen to an address of welcome by the Grand Master, but it is an office which carries with it the demand for constructive work along the lines of Masonry, universal in character, reaching to the four corners of the world.

Their reply was eloquent.

From the Grand Master's message we take the following paragraphs:

I believe that, because of this trouble during the past two years, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands is more closely united and that, today, the Americans and Filipinos are closer together, and are working more harmoniously for the upbuilding of our fraternity. But it is time the Masonic Fraternity woke up to the fact that no man should be allowed to remain in our organization if he violates our laws and forgets his vows, simply because he happens to be popular. I hold with Grand Master Glanz, of Iowa, that "Masonry is bigger than any man."

With regard to what they call clandestine Masonry, namely, the Lodges under the Supreme Council of Spain, he says:

We wish to caution our members of the many schemes on foot to bring discord into our ranks. They are deliberately attempting to wreck our organization by broadcasting throughout the Philippine Islands that this Grand Lodge is American Masonry and that no patriotic Filipino should belong to it.

I believe that the brethren of that jurisdiction have a much clearer understanding of our position here and that some of them, at least, realize that by their action they are standing alone and that they are considered by the Masonic fraternity throughout the world as outcasts; a cancerous growth which should be eradicated.

We scarcely wonder that the appeal to Spain to withdraw the charters was refused, as it was couched rather in the form of a demand than of a diplomatic communication, and these paragraphs were not apt to heal the wounded proud spirit of the Spanish Grand Lodge:

The good name of the Gran Oriente Espanol, whose history of brilliant achievements in the Philippine Islands was formerly honored and respected, is now being made the subject of dishonor and condemnation by all who love right and justice. This is another reason why closure is asked.

As partial compensation to the Gran Oriente Espanol for the loss of the Lodges in the Philippine Islands, I am authorized to offer a certain sum, the amount to be determined in a conference with the Gran Oriente Espanol, such amount to be paid when the Lodges are closed, or an amount each year for a definite period.

The retort courteous is given in the Spanish reply as follows:

The charge made against the Gran Oriente Espanol in Clause 5 is strictly applicable only to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands which, in view of its irregular and vicious origin, and whatever its present power and splendor may be, cannot be deemed purified, it being a universal principle of law that "*quod ab initio viciosum est non potest tractu tempore convalescere.*"

We desire to strengthen the bonds of fraternal love with all the Masons of the world and to always give examples of virtue and purity, and do not aspire to be a fear-inspiring material force, but instead an estimable and beloved moral power, worthy of being imitated.

After the first exchanges the correspondence becomes more considerate on both sides.

Evidently the Shrine has not understood the attitude of Grand Lodge, for the Grand Master says under "Masonic Organizations":

One of these organizations here in the Philippines is responsible for bringing into question the matter of racial distinction among the members of the craft, inasmuch as it maintains that Americans and Europeans only and not Filipinos can be admitted.

If the Mystic Shrine has a tendency to cause lack of harmony among our Masonic brethren, it becomes a serious matter. We are first and always Master Masons and when such an organization endangers the very life of our ancient and honorable Fraternity, then your Grand Master feels that it is time for our Grand Lodge to take some action.

By way of contrast to Spanish relations we are pleased to read the following:

Our relations with the Lodge Perla del Oriente of Manila, but under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, have been most cordial.

He concludes thus finely:

And, so, if I have left by the wayside imprints of brotherly love, kindness and friendliness, then, and then only, shall I be happy.

From the Grand Oration by W. Bro. Noble we take the following:

Every man has his aura—his halo or color of character—though he may know it not—as has any animal of the forest or have the fish of the sea. When I am asked to paint a man's portrait, I look for his distinctive aura, and before I have finished I find it and put it in by a sweep of the brush.

This afternoon the sun set in glory behind Mount Mari-veles across the bay. You have seen many a time its resplendent rays against the sky, all the colors of the rainbow. Do you know which color best typifies you and which is mine?

Masons of the Philippines, there are two great questions I ask you to consider with me tonight. The first is, "Have We Kept the Faith?" and the second, "Whither Are We Going?"

What do you intend to do in the year to come? Will you in any wise or at any time recognize as a worthy brother one who pretends to be a Mason and yet lends aid or succor, or even a smile, to the *Legionarios del Trabajo* or *Los Caballeros y Damas del Grado 33*? Respectable men will unhesitatingly stamp the unlawful use of time-honored emblems and ritualistic forms as the greatest of treachery. There is no organization in the world that respects labor more than Freemasonry. Its very traditions are built upon that fact. The word "Mason" means "Laborer." But shall we willingly be responsible for societies which drag our name in the dust, who seem to seek membership by misrepresentation? If there be any excuse whatever for the existence of societies, it must be founded upon truth and not arrayed in the borrowed clothing of a world-wide moral Institution.

A film on the "Dignity of Labor" was given with descriptive addresses in English and in Spanish.

The report of the Masonic Study and Research Committee shows admirable work done in both languages.

Many special Communications had been held during the year, the first being for the Constitution of High Twelve Lodge No. 82.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence commences very modestly, the writer, W. Bro. Charles S. Banks, pleading inexperience and remoteness from his colleagues, but he covers many

subjects and many Jurisdictions. We do not, however, find Canada among his reviews. He does not approve of printed Keys of the Work, and in reference thereto he says:

We who believe in and teach "mouth to ear" cannot find consonance with our ancient teachings in this paragraph:

From Quebec we take these worthy commendations of the address of the Grand Chaplain, Bishop Farthing:

The address by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. and Rt. Rev. Bro. J. C. Farthing, Bishop of Montreal, is a gem of homiletic and Masonic oratory and must indeed have inspired his hearers to an appreciation of the fact that Masonry is based upon right principles even if those who glory in the name Mason do not always live up to their pretensions as such.

An excellent index concludes the volume.

Wenceslao Trinidad, Manila, Grand Master.

Newton C. Comfort, Manila, Grand Secretary.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

M.W. Brother Edward W. MacKay, Grand Master.

Membership 1,169. Net gain 29.

The photograph of a stalwart Bluenose, the new G.M. of Prince Edward Island, with a resumé of his civil and Masonic career, precedes the 1924 volume.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, June 25th, 1924. Canada's representative did not answer to the Roll Call. Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

The Order of the Eastern Star presented the Grand Master with a bouquet of American Beauty Roses and in his speech of acceptance, he says:

Composed as it is of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Masons (*as well as Masons themselves*), it is in this way closely united to our Order.



We do not agree with his parenthesis. Any men that belong to them do not belong as Masons.

The Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York conveyed fraternal greetings.

From the able and commendably brief address of Grand Master MacKay we take the following suggestive and worthy extracts:

The sole object of Masonry, whose roots reach far back into the misty traditions of the past, with its devotion to truth, with its light of experience, with its splendid heritage of men and measures, is to aid man in solving the problems of life and in attaining to the glorious crown of manhood.

We have no hesitation in conceding that our principles are more spotless than our practices, and our doctrines purer than our lives. A person requires little observation to be convinced that a system, and its professors, are frequently at variance and that the conduct of one furnishes an inaccurate standard by which to appreciate the merits of the other. The abuse of a thing is no valid objection to its inherent goodness.

The Committees presented full reports and they were considered in a business-like way. In the Report on the Grand Master's address we read:

At each annual communication, as we listen to the Grand Master's recital of the deaths of the Brethren of our own and other Jurisdictions, we are ever reminded not only of the uncertainty of life and of the instability of our existence here below, but of the certainty of death "which is the finishing touch in the picture of Life."

The honored dead were well remembered.

Thomas Rowe, of London, represents Prince Edward Island with us, and Hon. John Yeo, P.G.M., of Port Hill, represents Canada.

There is no detailed Correspondence Report.

We greet fraternally the Garden of Canada and the gardeners.

M.W. William C. Lawson, Grand Master, Al-  
berton.

R.W. Ernest Kemp, Grand Secretary, Charlotte-  
town.

## QUEBEC

M.W. Brother A. P. Shatford, Grand Master.

Membership 13,206. Net increase 329.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Montreal, 13th February, 1924. Nine Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada was as usual honorably represented by M.W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, who never fails.

We have learned to expect much from M.W. Bro. Shatford both in his ecclesiastical and in his fraternal relationships. His address does not disappoint. From the introduction we take this note of gratitude and praise:

Let us also fervently thank Him for His watchful care and patient leading during the past year. His mercies have been many. His good hand has led us all the way, and He has crowned our efforts with success. Masons are taught "to esteem Him as our chief good," to manifest "that reverential awe which is due from the creature to the Creator and to implore His aid in all our laudable undertakings." It is therefore in strict accord with our principles that I remind you of this, our paramount obligation. We must begin, continue and end, all our work in His Holy Name.

Of rank and personality and influence, he says:

No man who has reached the highest office in the gift of his brethren can confine his ministry to the immediate sphere where he is privileged to serve. There are overflowings of influence which reach to the farthest borders of the fraternity and the whole Order is touched into finer issues by the large service of its leaders. The lives of the faithful remain the lasting possession of humanity and future generations are cheered forward by the nobility of their examples.

He delivered ten special sermons on the occasions of Divine Service by Lodges and reached thereby many hundreds. Sunday to him meant no day of rest, though it has been of refreshment and inspiration to his hearers.

He cautions the abuse of the use of Regalia in the following words:

The second thing concerns the wearing of regalia at social functions. There are, of course, times when this is advisable

and helpful, but I am inclined to think that it is overdone. The parade of Masonic insignia is a very delicate matter and to be indulged in on rare occasions. We are apt to cheapen the Order by too frequent an exhibition of our uniform. There are occasions when the soldier ought to appear in regimentals, but he would not heighten the dignity of his calling if he wore his uniform on every conceivable opportunity. Let us remember that our regalia is not for drawing attention to ourselves, but for setting forth the teaching of the Order. It is symbolic, and as the meaning of the symbol is hidden from the profane, where is the advantage of our constant exhibition of signs and jewels?

Of the visit of M.W. Bro. Lord Amptill in his absence, he says:

When in England I called at the Grand Secretary's office and was assured that the utmost hospitality had been extended to the Pro-Grand Master during his visit here, and that he was deeply appreciative of the attention given to him.

Of the new Memorial Temple planned for Montreal, he says and adds a wonderful quotation from "The Servant in the House," which all should read:

It does not require much imagination to picture the blessing of this new Temple. Because of the consecration involved in its building, because of the sacrifices poured out for its accomplishment, it will be something more than a structure of wood and stone. It will be a living, breathing thing.

Under Knowledge he gives us these suggestive thoughts:

The subordinate Lodge might make a present to each candidate, on his becoming a Master Mason, of some authorized book on Masonry.

Of this I feel certain, that a deeper knowledge of Masonry would enkindle a fresh enthusiasm, increase devotion and completely dry up the leakage in our membership.

Under charity he says suggestively:

May we not now and again sit down to a frugal fare and vote the balance to the aid of a needy brother?

No one doubts the joy of entertaining guests—there are few virtues so sweet in exercise as hospitality. But do we not become sometimes a bit embarrassed, not to say annoyed, when we witness the same list of visitors crowding all the supper tables? No man is truly charitable until he gives himself—his thought, his sympathy, his aspirations, his character. "The gift without the giver is bare." A man may part with his money and surrender nothing of himself. The coin tossed to the

beggar is unworthy of the name of Charity. It is when our material possession is accompanied by our thoughtfulness, our interest, our personal sympathy, that it becomes radiant and life-giving. Understanding is more valuable than the mines of Kimberley. Sympathy is more precious than raiment of gold.

Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Fraser spoke impressively on a Mason's Religion, from Mark XII., 29-31, and drove home many truths.

The Grand Secretary's and Committees' reports are models of brevity and clarity, as are the statistical tables.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, of Ottawa, represents Quebec with us.

The venerable in the sense of worshipful, and well known Dean of Correspondents, M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M., writes his forty-seventh Report on Foreign Correspondence. He answers the question of a Brother from Maine, "why do we review?" in his own language as follows:

That we may bring before the Craft of our own jurisdictions a knowledge of the Masonic ideas of those at a distance, and learn wherein others are progressing or, perchance, show them where we have found a better way. Masonry is a progressive science. We do not admit of innovations into the body of Masonry, but there are changes in conditions and situations constantly, and new laws are required to compass them.

Of criticism and work he says:

Matthew Arnold said: "I am bound by my own definition of criticism; a disinterested endeavor to learn and propagate the best that is known and thought in the world." Let us, fellow scribes, adopt that as our slogan, and endeavor to learn and propagate the best there is in Masonry for those who read our reviews.

With all of which the present writer is in hearty accord.

So many Masonic Lodges permit themselves to be altogether engrossed in the work of adding to their membership that there is too often an entire neglect of the attention that should be paid to the practices inculcated in the teachings of the Craft.

He does not like dangerous innovations. Neither do we:



The writer's suspicion of the word "educational" as used in the Requirement, may be better understood by a reference to a dangerous innovation by some American Grand Lodges which have practically entered the political arena, deviating from established Masonic custom by adopting resolutions regarding legislation of a public nature being dealt with by State or National Legislatures.

He estimates the membership of the Masons in the world at nearly four millions.

He quotes Texas on Mexican Masonry as follows :

This is the history of the Grand Lodge Valley de Mexico, and the York Grand Lodge, both claiming to be the legitimate body, and while the facts that have been presented to me are very favorable to the York Grand Lodge, it is certain that the two exist today as the result of a "split" in the original "Grand Lodge Vallèy de Mexico."

The meeting of Canada of 1923 he speaks of as one of the most memorable in the history of that Grand Lodge.

He quotes at length from Lord Ampthill's masterly address :

Time, however, has healed over all those differences, and I think now, Most Worshipful Master, I am not exaggerating when I say our hearts beat absolutely together and that with you here in Canada we in England look forward to a future in which we shall be able to co-operate more and more in the furtherance of the objects of Freemasonry; that is to say in doing such good to humanity at large as lies within the compass of our own opportunities and within the still wider compass of those opportunities which God has accorded to us as citizens of the British Empire.

Lord Ampthill's frank and generous reference to the misunderstandings that arose when lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of England united in the formation of Canadian Grand Lodges in the different Provinces of the Dominion, in accordance with the British policy of according self-government to the outlying portions of the Empire, cannot fail to be much appreciated throughout the length and breadth of all the overseas dominions.

There was again quite a love feast at the evening public meeting in Massey Hall, with another interesting speech from M.W. Brother Ampthill.

Grand Master Ponton's address to Grand Lodge in opening its Proceedings was as eloquent and as clever as all his addresses are.

It is always a stimulating pleasure to read M.W. Bro. Chambers' reviews of the world, which he touches with wise and gentle pen.

The work of M.W. Bro. Shatford has not been confined to his own Jurisdiction. It has been both national and international.

M.W. Allan P. Shatford, Montreal, Grand Master.

M.W. W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

## QUEENSLAND

M.W. Bro. C. Stumm, K.C., Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. R. N. F. Quinn, P.G.M., Deputy Grand Master.

Membership about 20,000.

A Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland was held in the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, June 6, 1923, the Grand Master on the throne.

A great deal of business was transacted, Grand Lodge being in the formative and plastic condition. The Trestle Board of Agenda was full at all the meetings chronicled.

Having regard to Benevolence it is refreshing to meet some honest recipients and some grateful ones as recorded in the report:

The time having expired in the case of a number of grants which had been remitted to the recipients, in monthly instalments, an individual enquiry was made in regard to each one. A number of those concerned replied, stating that their circumstances had sufficiently improved as to render them able to dispense with further assistance. At the same time, they sincerely, and in a heartfelt manner, thanked the Board for the timely help over a distressing period.

The Grand Master and other Officers and Committees were duly elected.

The Grand Master reported many personal and official activities, and said:

I am convinced that the visits of Grand Lodge Officers to the more remote Lodges in the country have been far too few and altogether irregular. Grand Lodge can only discharge its duty to the Country Lodges by arranging that every Lodge shall receive at least one visit annually from a Grand Lodge officer of rank and qualifications sufficient to represent the Grand Master.

He concluded his address by a fine message of fellowship:

In conclusion, I have to thank profoundly the Grand Lodge officers for their unfailing cordial help since my installation. We have been more than fellow officers; we have been friends and comrades.

A special Communication was holden at Brisbane, July 17, 1923, at which Past Grand Master Holden, of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, was received with all the honors as Installing Master.

Then the Grand Master entered as thus described:

Preceded by the acting Grand Herald, Director of Ceremonies, two Standard Bearers, and accompanied by R.W. Bros. E. G. White and A. Stirling, bearing the Grand Master's apron, collar, jewels and gauntlets, M.W. Bro. Charles Stumm, the Grand Master elect, entered and was presented for investiture and installation.

In his address he cordially greeted and thanked M.W. Bro. Holden, who had been the esteemed Chaplain General of the Australian Imperial Forces during the war, for coming from Victoria to enthrone him in the Grand Master's chair, and added:

The Victorian Grand Lodge and the United Grand Lodge of Queensland have become bound together in the closest union, and each year seems to cement the ties of cordial fraternal friendship and regard.

In our beautiful and solemn consecration ceremony, you will remember there is presented, in accordance with ancient custom, at the completion of every important undertaking, a vessel of oil, as a symbol of peace and unanimity. Has each brother during the past year presented his vessel of oil? And what is more important, does he propose to contribute oil during the coming year? The vessel of bitterness and uncharitableness should find no part in the work of laying the foundations and raising the super-structure of our Masonic Temple of Union. I am in the habit of telling the foundation members of every Lodge I consecrate that they are engaged in framing and forming the standard of their Lodge, that it will be a high

standard Lodge, or a moderate Lodge, or an indifferent Lodge, according to the measure of their regard for and practice of the principles and traditions and teachings of Freemasonry. So also with our United Grand Lodge—that is the measure of our standard. Let us aim at the attainment of our highest Masonic ideals by noble effort, and let our struggles towards this attainment be marked by that untiring energy and enthusiasm and by that cordial comradeship by which only success is achieved. Except for the lessons it should teach, the past may then well be allowed to be the past.

The Queensland Widows, Orphans and Aged Mason's Institute has already a capital fund of £11,000, and the Freemansons' Home of over £8,000. Canada is taught a lesson by these young Jurisdictions.

Quarterly Communication was held at Brisbane, September 5th, 1923.

The Board of General Purposes reported many interesting topics and problems discussed and solved.

The Board of Benevolence report upon conditions upon which we assure them they are not alone. Canada has known similar circumstances and the Grand Master has to be very firm in dealing with such cases:

The third clause relates to a very important matter, and one that is giving the Board a very great deal of concern. Quite a number of cases have been reported to the Board where a brother has unfortunately died and the members of the Lodge have pursued the widow and informed her not to worry about the funeral expense, as the Freemasons would look after that for her. At the same time, the Board wishes it to be distinctly clear that it is under no obligation, as in the case of a Friendly Society, to pay these expenses. But it has come under our notice during the past year in a number of instances that either brethren or lodges have given a guarantee for the funeral expenses to be paid, and then have applied to this Board to pay them and to honor their guarantee. To this the Board has objected strongly. We, therefore, thought it advisable to insert this clause and endeavor to put a stop to this wrong practice. At the same time the Board need not state that it will be unmindful in distressing cases where a claim may come in in moderation, but under no circumstances will excessive funeral expenses be recognised. I have no doubt the brethren would be astonished if they saw some of the accounts that come in to be settled on account of the petitioners.

Quarterly Communication was held at Brisbane, December 5, 1923. An application was made for a benevolent grant not provided for or contemplated. One of the advocates said:

In connection with the grant, I think that this is a case in which this Grand Lodge should give liberally and freely and with a good heart. We have done much in assisting people who are quite alien to us and thousands of miles away; and when we have a genuine case of distress right at our very doors, and more especially amongst returned soldiers, it does not appeal to me whether the Constitutions provide for this or otherwise, but we should open our hearts and give well, which I hope we will.

A Special Communication was held April 8th, 1924, in order to receive and welcome R.W. Bro. the Earl of Cassillis, the Grand First Principal of R.A.M.'s of Scotland.

The Grand Master, in addressing him, gave a complete summary of the history and development of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which had been somewhat misunderstood in the Old Country.

M.W. Bro. Stumm delivered a message both to the Earl and to all of us in the following:

It will also be a source of satisfaction to our distinguished visitor to know that no man can be given an opportunity of being connected with a Masonic Lodge here without first of all subscribing the Declaration of Loyalty to the Throne of the British Empire. Loyalty is a foundation stone on which our Masonic life is built, and the traditions of our Grand Lodges act as a guiding star for our travels upon our Masonic careers.

There is an extract from Froude, which has appealed to me tremendously. I think I may also safely say that the spirit of that extract is one which we hope will permeate at all times the actions of this Grand Lodge and of every member of it. It is dealing, of course, with history, but it is applicable to Masonic life as well:

"History is a voice forever sounding across the centuries the laws of right and wrong. Opinions alter; manners change; creeds rise and fall; but the moral law is written on the tablets of eternity. For every false word and unrighteous deed; for cruelty and oppression; for lust or vanity; the price has to be paid at last; not always by the chief offenders, but paid by some one. Justice and truth alone endure and live."

The honored and R.W. guest responded eloquently, his concluding words being:



This is what Freemasonry stands for, to bring us together and to realize we are one in heart and in principle. It is for this purpose that this Temple of King Solomon was built and which it ever typifies, and is always reminding us of that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. It is indeed a very great and solemn thing if any one does anything to mar the unity of that Temple or to soil its purity. I beg to thank you, M.W. Grand Master, for your very kind welcome to me this evening and your disinterested kindness.

M.W. Bro. C. Stumm, K.C., Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Harley, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND

Arthur Grant Newell, Grand Master.

Membership 17,032. Net increase 775.

The well known and striking features of Grand Master Arthur Grant Newell form a worthy frontispiece to the volume of the Proceedings of—to use the full title—"The Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." I like the full-orbed ring of their titular nomenclature.

Well known names associated with very pleasant remembrances of the hospitality of Rhode Island accorded to this reviewer when Grand Master and Grand First Principal, make him feel thoroughly at home in reviewing these Proceedings.

The Semi-annual Communication was held in Providence, November 19, 1923.

A most interesting letter from Grand Master Tompkins of New York regarding the conference called by Grand Lodge Alpina at Geneva, Switzerland, was read from which we take a few suggestive sentences showing the attitude then taken by the Grand Master. I understand, however, that the Grand Lodge of New York was not in unanimous accord:

Perhaps you have read the President's address to the Shriners assembled in Washington.

He called upon them and "all highly purposed fraternal orders to help raise among the nations of the world the same spirit which binds them together."

Surely this is a call to duty to us.

Starting with the principle that all men are brothers, I am convinced that the Grand Jurisdictions of America can, without harm to themselves, do much toward saving Civilization, and devoutly pray that you may be inspired to join the movement and to lend to it your powerful aid.

The greatest need of the world is a kinder attitude of man towards man.

The Grand Chaplain, Brother Evans, addressed Grand Lodge on "Some Sovereign Principles of Masonry," and these thoughts selected from many will appeal to all:

We must square conduct by ethical principles and motives.

Have you reflected on one difference between the Masonic Order and the Church? The Church is first of all, reformatory; Masonry is refining.

One verse of holy writ may well be dear to all Masons. It was the favorite text of Roosevelt: "Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with thy God." Justice and mercy relate to men. Walking humbly concerns man's relation to his Maker.

But, while the Church receives a man of unsavory past, aiming to reform him, Masonry is selective, and admits only those who already are supposedly on a high moral basis; it rejects all others. I am not trying now to draw any contrast between these two sublime organizations. I am simply emphasizing the fact that we enter Masonry, when it is assumed that we are already keyed to lofty ethical standards, and we must go on from those standards to ones still higher, under the inspiration of the sublime principles of the Order.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Providence, May 19th, 1924, with many Grand Officers and Brethren present.

Past Grand Master Abbott introduced M.W. Bro. Thomas McKenzie and R.W. Bro. Arthur N. Nash as representatives of Connecticut.

The Grand Chaplain's address is a preliminary feature of all Grand Lodge Communications. His text was:

Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?  
The watchman said, The morning cometh.

*Isaiah xxi., vss. 11, 12.*

And he thus summarizes his "sermon" on this text:

The 'noblest have always looked to the east.

Our own well-being demands the practice of looking toward the east; the soul demands the day-view.

Only thus is Hope possible. He that turns toward the dark aspects of life, that constantly whines, "What of the night?" "What of the night?"

Has not the anchor of Hope, we Canadians say.

The new San Francisco is a monument of strength and beauty to thousands that cried during the inky darkness of a horrible night, "The morning cometh." Thus hope took root and bore fruit that astounded the whole world. The day-view brings hope.

Only thus is Joy possible.

Only thus is Usefulness possible. Those that everlastingly ask anxiously. "What of the night? What of the night?" that yield to life's gloom, are selfish, and, so far, useless. Pessimism gets one nowhere except into the grave. The hopeful gaze is the useful view.

Every Mason should be a watchman on the rampart. When "the profane" in the valley cry out with fear, "Watchman, what of the night, what of the night?" then should he cheerfully respond, "Look to the East!"

The Grand Master's address is preceded by an excellent poem from which we take the last few lines:

"Lord, as I start the toil of day  
This is the humble prayer I pray;  
Help me to keep my honor bright,  
Let me be unashamed at night."

He says in his preliminary greetings:

One year filled to the brim and overflowing with activities incidental to the office. One year of responsibility and attention which has made the days and months pass quickly.

He aided in the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Mount Vernon Lodge and the 100th Anniversary of Temple Lodge, venerable and of good report.

He speaks thus favorably of "The Master Mason," which this reviewer thinks is one of the very best Masonic Magazines now published:

"The Master Mason," copy of which has been sent to your Lodge. The magazine is of inestimable value to the Fraternity."

Have your members subscribed for this magazine and read it regularly? By so doing they will become better men and better Masons.

With regard to Grand Representatives, he truly says:

The honor of appointment as Grand Representative of other jurisdictions near our own, seems to have little weight with many appointees. It is an honor which up to the present time has required practically no official duty. This seems to me to be entirely wrong.

Grand Representatives should inform themselves relative to the date of the Communications of their respective jurisdictions and communicate either by letter or telegram on said date, conveying messages of good will.

As to study and education, he gives us this suggestive idea:

Upon being requested to take an active part in the experiment, none had the time to spare. Brethren, what are we going to do? Shall we allow our members who express a desire to become educated in Masonry the opportunity to criticise? Or, shall we make some personal sacrifice and by so doing enlighten these searchers after truth.

Under De Molay he says:

The boys of today are to be the citizens of tomorrow. I heartily endorse this movement sponsored by Providence Royal Arch Chapter.

It will be noted that the Chapter, not Grand Lodge, has sponsored the movement officially.

The address of the Bishop of Washington at the laying of the corner-stone at Alexandrina is printed in full for the benefit of the brethren. Space will only permit us to take these extracts:

The highest tribute that can be paid to any organized body is that it attracts to its standards men of excelling worth. Our lineage is one of which we may be justly proud, and among the great names we have inscribed upon our rolls, none is greater

that that of the incomparable patriot and president, George Washington.

We are met here, not so much to think of Washington the patriot, the soldier, the commander-in-chief and ultimately the President of the Republic, as of Washington the high exemplar of those splendid ideals for which this ancient Order stands. All too frequently in our words of praise of the great characters that adorn the page of our nation's history we extol than our own land of America. Unprecedented as our growth has been, unknown as are our resources, unmeasured as is our wealth, we still cultivate and maintain the sensitive heart and the responsive and ready hand. This is at once our glory and our pride. Surely not at this time are we to relax our efforts or restrain our enthusiasm in hastening the day when man to man the world over shall brothers be for a'that.

Under the worthily treated and regretful subject of the death of President Harding, the Grand Master quotes:

An unknown American soldier sleeps at Arlington. He typifies democracy. We honor him yearly on Armistice Day. Last November the most effective tribute to his memory was that of our leader laying a wreath upon his resting place in perfect silence. Such would be our most fitting tribute to that leader today. Our only warrant for intruding with these words is the language of him we loved and now leave. "It somehow voices the yearnings of broken companionship to pay a memory a deserved tribute."

Eleven Past Grand Masters graced the meeting with their presence at their posts.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Clarence P. Bearce.

The Employment Bureau of Grand Lodge does good work and obtained positions for 105 members. Might we not take up this branch of activity in Canada?

Grand Lodge has established an Educational Fund to provide College Scholarships to sons or daughters of Master Masons and the Fund is created and maintained by an assessment of \$1.00 per annum on each Master Mason and is of incalculable benefit.

Full statistics of each constituent Lodge follow.

There is no Correspondence Review as such.



Rhode Island is represented in Canada by R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid, of Windsor.

"God's Providence is Mine Inheritance."

Henry C. Dexter, Pawtucket, M.W. Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## SASKATCHEWAN

M.W. Brother J. W. MacNeill, Grand Master.

Membership 12, 796. Net gain 404.

On the opening page of the Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge we find this salutary injunction and suggest that something similarly emphatic be used in connection with our own:

It is an instruction of the Board of General Purposes that on receipt of this copy the W.M. arrange to have the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated, together with the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge thereafter.

The meeting convened in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, June 18th, 1924. Eight Past Grand Masters with well known names were present.

Canada's Grand Representative is not among those who were greeted and honored by the Grand Master.

An address of welcome was given by Mayor Davis of Prince Albert, in which he called Prince Albert the cradle of Freemasonry in Western Canada, and added:

He expressed the hope that the visitors from the wind-swept cities on the prairies would appreciate the beauties of Prince Albert and would be able to enjoy for a short time what the citizens enjoy all the time.

M.W. Bro. Botterill, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was received with honors.

The Grand Master's address is, as was to be expected, thoughtful and satisfying. We take the following passages for our instruction and delectation:

That its aim is to uplift mankind: Its object to maintain law and order and destroy anarchy, favoritism, superstition and bigotry. That the ideal of this Ancient and Honorable Institution is the perfection of the moral, the spiritual and the intellectual, and that its members shall heed the injunctions to do justice and judgment; to love and search after truth, and, by a spirit of service to mankind, show forth its right to existence and its claim on the loyalty and affection of all who adhere to its precepts and principles.

A Mason is one who has faith. He is one who believes in certain ideals, who attempts to live those ideals. He is an individual who conducts his life in accordance with that faith. Masonry is a belief in liberty: liberty as a citizen, liberty of mind, of body and of purpose, but liberty is not license.

If, to preserve respect for the law, these acts should be repealed, then let them be repealed. If, to preserve respect for the law, these acts should be maintained, then let them be maintained. What I plead for and request of you, my good brethren, is to be propagandists for, and upholders and maintainers of the law; to be a very bulwark against which disrespect for the law will not prevail.

People there are, who act as if all that were necessary, was the placing of laws on the statute books, and seem not to be able to realize that the observance of a law must be in the hearts of the people.

We have, within our borders, various peoples who have come among us to whom the English law is a stranger. It is the duty of every one of us to impress upon them, and instil into them, the majesty of the law. To make known to them that our liberty came because of our ability to be obedient to the law.

On August 1st the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Birch Hills was laid and the Masonic Hall at Star City was dedicated.

The loss of M.W. Bro. G. W. Weir to the Craft in Saskatchewan will be an incalculable gain to British Columbia, he having accepted a Professorship in the Provincial University at Vancouver. Of the farewell gathering held in his honor the Grand Master says:

At the gathering, the many expressions of goodwill were a clear indication of how much he was beloved by the brethren, and of the high ideal which he set as a leader, as a Craftsman, as an educator and as a citizen.

Under Fraternal Dead he quotes Milton's exquisite poem :

"Nor love thy life, nor hate ; but what thou liv'st  
Live well : how long or short permit to heaven.  
So may'st thou live, till like ripe fruit thou drop  
Into thy mother's lap."

M.W. Bro. Gorrell, of Regina, was appointed Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge for Saskatchewan.

A rather unique incident came up for decision. A candidate for initiation during the obligation was taken ill and was removed from the room for cause :

I ruled that the man having received only part of the obligation and not having been brought to light was not a Mason and that the correct method of procedure was as laid down in section 166, Constitution.

A member of a Lodge having written a letter tacitly admitting unmasonic conduct was on that letter suspended indefinitely.

The Grand Master ruled as follows :

I ruled that the suspension was unconstitutional and illegal and that the Lodge must reinstate the brother and then try him constitutionally.

The Masonic Research Committee receives, as it well deserved, praise for what it had accomplished and hoped to do :

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in its Benevolent Fund, in its Scholarship Scheme, and in its other activities, which might be called its "charity going abroad" activities, must be considered to not only have justified its existence, but to have deserved the approbation of all right thinking men. This young Jurisdiction can modestly claim to have a place among the long line which has given service since our Mother Grand Lodge was formed.

We recognize, however, that "new occasions teach new duties, that we must go upward still, and onward, if we would keep abreast of truth."

The work done by this Committee and the suggestions made, will be of inestimable value in enabling the student to pay more attention to the ritual as opposed to its commitment to memory. The work is, undoubtedly, the epitome of Freemasonry, but the memorizing is not sufficient. The understanding of every phrase is essential.

From the conclusion of the Grand Master's scholarly address, we take the following sentences:

The twenty-four inch gauge, which reminds us of the division of the day, and, incidentally, the divisions of our life, surely teaches us that work is the allotted task of man.

Let me impress this upon you with all the earnestness at my command—be not envious of the pleasure-seeker; his wages will be unsatisfying. A greater truth was never said than that you cannot have success and a good time, too.

“Let me but do my work from day to day,  
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,  
In roaring market-place or tranquil room,  
Let me but find it in my heart to say,  
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,  
‘This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;  
‘Of all who live, I am the one by whom  
‘This work can best be done in the right way.’”

The report of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, is a model of comprehensiveness. After the last Annual Communication they did not let the grass grow under their feet but arranged a four weeks itinerary of all the Masonic Districts and he and the Grand Master attended each of the District meetings, holding evening sessions and sometimes morning and afternoon meetings. The Brethren all manifested a keen delight in the arrangements made.

It is not often that a Grand Secretary includes in his usually statistical address words like the following, with which M.W. Bro. Tate concludes:

It is realized as never before that if Freemasonry exists only for the purpose of conferring degrees, beautiful as to ritualistic ceremonies, then surely it has become “as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.” Too often in the past we have admonished members to search out and obtain light and then left them blindfolded to grope about in the darkness, feeling their own way to the light, but Lodges are realizing today that what is needed to create more interest in things Masonic is more light and are making arrangements for adequately meeting this need.

“One ship sails East and another sails West,  
While the self same breezes blow;  
’Tis the set of the sail and not the gale  
That determines the way they go.  
So it is with man in the voyage of life  
Be his station high or low;  
’Tis the set of the Soul that determines the goal  
And not the weal or the woe.”

The Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Archdeacon Davidson, delivered a thoughtful address on "The Search for the Lost Word," in which, among other things, he says:

First then, the orientation of our Lodges reminds us of the span of day. "Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening." It has been truly said that to labor is to pray, and in the faithful performance of our daily task, be it manual or mental, we are proving ourselves followers of Him who said: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

The Almighty has been pleased to reveal more of His Divine Will in that Holy Book than He has by any other means. As the poet expresses it:

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,  
But more of reverence in us dwell."

From the report on the Condition of Masonry, we take this practical application:

The motto on the coat of arms of the city in which this meeting is being held seems to be appropriate to our purpose, as expressing in few words what our aim should be. "Esse quam videri." "To be rather than to seem," or it might be given a freer translation and interpreted in the words of the homely old adage, "practice what you preach."

As to Masonic study, the Committee says:

Reverting to the question of Masonic study, it has occurred to your committee to wonder whether or not sufficient efforts are made by Masters of Lodges to see that members are provided with means of familiarizing themselves with the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge. This volume is issued annually at considerable expense and a certain number of copies sent to each Lodge.

Aside from other considerations, a careful perusal of the Annual Proceedings will amply reward the Masonic student. It is replete with information along various lines of Masonic thought.

The report on Benevolence closes with these verses:

"Then let us not boast of the service we give,  
Nor think most important our place;  
We'll know why He fixed us each in our niche  
When we look in the Master's face.

So whether we live by the side of the road,  
Or walk with the crowd in the way,  
We'll each do our best for our brother in need,  
And both, will the Master repay."



And the report of the Credential Committee, usually very prosaic, begins with the following verse:

"Old Time's great clock, that never stops,  
Nor runs too fast nor slow:  
Hung up amid the worlds of space  
Where whirling planets glow;  
Its dial plate, our orbit vast,  
Where wheels our mundane sphere,  
Has pushed its point around again  
And struck another year."

"With just such comrades, just such friends,  
We fain would walk till the journey ends,  
Through Summer's sunshine, Winter's rain,  
And then good-bye, we shall meet again."

This is the touch of Francis B. Reilly, Chairman.

The Committee on Research issued a wonderful circular on the interpretation of the symbolism of the M.M. Degree, the circulation of which in our own Jurisdiction would be of great benefit to our brethren.

Approved rulings of Grand Masters follow.

M.W. Bro. Dr. Goggin, of Toronto, represents Saskatchewan in Canada.

Foreign Correspondence is modestly anonymous. It is concentrated and satisfying, except that we are omitted and no reference is made to "Canada." Why?

Saskatchewan leads in the practical philanthropy of educational scholarships and our colleague quotes approvingly regarding Masonic Homes the following from California:

The reports of the Trustees of the Masonic Homes show successful financial and building operations and that the good work they are carrying on is going strong.

We recognize the fact that no brother can visit the Homes without receiving inspiration and that he carries that inspiration away with him as well as the fixed purpose to do more in future for Masonry than he has done in the past. He carries a message throughout the State and the effect of his visit cannot be easily measured.

M.W. Bro. D. A. Kingsbury, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary.

**SCOTLAND**

M.W. the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, C.M.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason.

M.W. General Gilmour, Immediate Past Grand Master Mason.

M.W. the Right Honourable the Earl of Stair, D.S.O., Grand Master Depute.

Membership increase 10,567.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh, 7th February, 1924.

Bro. James Grierson of Strathaven, represents Canada in Scotland, and Scotland is represented by Hugh Alexander MacKay of Hamilton.

It is interesting to note the order of the old historic Lodges on the roll of membership, the first five being as follows:

O Mother Kilwinning.

i The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel)

i<sup>2</sup> Melrose St. John.

i<sup>3</sup> The Lodge of Aberdeen.

2 Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh.

1,335 is the last number of the Lodges recorded in the list and such distant lands as the Fiji Islands, Nigeria, Dutch Guiana, Siam, Singapore, Barbados and Mesopotamia are found under the Scottish Jurisdiction.

The Proceedings of Canada with other Jurisdictions are thankfully acknowledged.

The "personal note" which distinguished the 1924 reception to us as Justices and Lawyers of Canada, finds expression in the following graceful reference:

Before proceeding to business, Brother W. Munro Denholm, in name of, and on behalf of the members of Grand Committee, tendered to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason and the Countess of Elgin, hearty congratulations on the birth of a son and heir. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason suitably replied.

Reports of much interest from the Grand Committee and also from the Provincial Grand Masters of the Scot-

tish Districts complete this interesting compendium of activities and statistics.

Quarterly Communication was held 1st May, 1924, the Most Worshipful the Earl of Elgin on the throne as Grand Master Mason and he reported that on the previous day he had attended the annual festival of the Grand Lodge of England when the Scottish Lord Blythswood had been installed as Senior Grand Warden of England.

England and Scotland work in close touch and Scotland was asked for their comment upon the recommendation of the Foreign Relations Committee of England with regard to recognition of Venezuela and other Grand Lodges. Scotland concurred.

The perpetuation of great names and of the progressive spirit was indicated by the report of the erection and consecration of Lodge David Livingstone in Northern Rhodesia by Bro. Baird, a Past Master of Bulawayo.

Scotland asks evidence of character for at least three years previous, of any intending candidates belonging to the Imperial Forces and the Navy. Their good record is essential.

The Committee recommend that initiation should not take place on the same evening as the ballot.

The Grand Master had attended at Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning on the occasion of the conferring of honorary membership on Bro. Field Marshall the Earl Haig, K.T.

A bequest from the late Mr. Ferguson of Brooklyn, N.Y. of about £1,000 for the purpose of erecting a Home in Forfarshire for poor widows of Freemasons in good standing, was received.

Even the oldest and best requires discipline some times, and it is a coincidence that this should happen in the case of the oldest of all and that a Canadian should have been the unwitting subject as this paragraph shows:

Grand Secretary reported that Lodge Mother Kilwinning, No. 0, had committed a breach of Grand Lodge Law No. 174, in connection with the admission of a candidate who had been resident in Canada. The matter was remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire

to deal with Lodge Mother Kilwinning, No. 0, for not complying with the terms of Grand Lodge Law No. 174, and to report.

Quarterly Communication was held 7th August, 1924, the Grand Master on the throne. We note the presence of R.W. Bro. Gibbs, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and of three Officers new to us, namely, the Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible-bearer and the Grand Bard.

At all these meetings apologies for absence are read from nearly all who cannot be present. The Scottish Mason is eminently polite and dutiful.

Twice during the year greetings from Newfoundland by cable were read.

The phraseology of the Scottish language is all its own. The auditor speaks not of the receipts but of the *intromissions* of the Grand Treasurer and says that they are "sufficiently vouched and instructed".

The problem of Immigration and "Eleventh-hour" Masons, is thus met:

I am directed by Grand Lodge to request that you will bring to the notice of the members of your Lodge, the desirability of abstaining from proposing or admitting to the Craft men who are about to emigrate so soon that they would be unable to grasp the principles of the Craft by instruction in their Mother Lodges.

I am further directed to request that you explain to intending emigrants (and also to brethren who have emigrated and whose addresses are known), that Life Membership of their Mother Lodges does not include active membership of other Lodges, and that in order to enable them to acquire membership of Lodges in the Dominions, together with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, affiliation with such Lodges is necessary.

A Brother in the Transvaal was found guilty of defrauding a widow and sentence was suspended. The Brother tendered his resignation, the Lodge accepted it. The ruling is that:

A brother initiated in the Craft cannot divest himself of his status as a Mason, and his resignation does not prevent his being expelled or suspended by competent authority if so deserved and agreed.

Among the reports by Provincial Grand Masters is that of Bro. Rev. A. Wylie Smith of Perthshire who says:

All the Lodges have been duly visited, and it has been a pleasure to witness the pride and devotion with which the Masters and Office-bearers sustain their respective obligations. Where suggestions and corrections have been found necessary, they have been received and implemented in a commendable spirit of loyalty.

Quarterly Communication was held 6th November, 1924.

The name of the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar was changed to the District Grand Lodge of the Western Mediterranean.

Double the number that the Hall would accommodate had applied to be present on the occasion of the Prince of Wales proposed visit in December. Nevertheless it was decided to hold the meeting in Freemasons' Hall, the accommodation being only 780. For this reason:

We felt that admitting him to Honorary Membership of Grand Lodge in any other building, would lose a great deal of its force and interest for the Craft in years to come.

Bro. Muir, M.A., Grand Bard, reported his visit to Canada as follows:

Brother Thomas S. Muir, M.A., Grand Bard, reported that on 9th August last, he attended, by invitation, a special Meeting of University Lodge, Toronto Canada, No. 496, and was cordially received as Grand Bard of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At harmony he was honoured by being called upon to respond to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and was charged by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada to convey fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Earl of Stair was unanimously elected Grand Master Mason.

The retiring Grand Master, the Earl of Elgin, made an appealing farewell, worthy of his own great name and race. We can only cite three sentences. Incidentally he gives great praise to Bro. Joseph Inglis who had drafted the new Constitution of Scotland.

I have tried to do to my utmost, to show that there is something stronger even than the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge which unites us—the bonds of personal friendship and personal affection.

There are two great similes in the world of nature which I think help us. One is the sun and the other is running water. Both of these are referred to in our ritual.



Brethren, our ritual is a very full and perfect illustration of some of the best truths which God has revealed to help us, but the ritual is only the aqueduct. The running water is the life and the character and the energy of the individual Freemason.

The Annual Communication was held 3rd December, 1924, Grand Master Mason, the Earl of Elgin, on the throne, and a splendid array of the finest of Scottish manhood, the occasion being the installation of the new Officers and the visit of the Prince of Wales.

Past Grand Masters and other Officers preceded by a piper escorted His Royal Highness to the altar where he received an enthusiastic welcome, the Brethren remaining standing and cheering lustily while he proceeded to the dais. The graceful words of welcome must have touched the recipient. The Grand Master said:

First, we welcome you as our rightful and honourable Prince.

But our tribute to-day, Sir, is one more of personal loyalty and personal affection to yourself.

It is to the character and the abounding energy which you always display on behalf of others less happily placed than yourself, the sportsmanship, the good comradeship, and above all, if I may say so, Sir, your smile.

Over 600 years ago there was a visit of an Edward a King and a Prince, Edward the First, if I may use the Latin phraseology, "Edwardus Primus Malleus Scotorum"—(laughter) which being interpreted is, "Edward the First, the Hammer of the Scots." Sir, in those days it was a Bruce who had the privilege and the opportunity of being leader of the Scots. To-day before you lies his sword, an emblem which has been handed down through generations of my family as an honoured and treasured heirloom. That sword stands as a symbol and an emblem of what we in Scotland always look up to and admire in our Great King of those times, a King who gave us freedom and who gave us the Scottish characteristic of the privilege of being independent. Sir, I have no thoughts of wielding this sword against the Edward Prince who comes here to-day. (Laughter). We remember with honour and pride the battle cry which has been immortalised by our national poet—

"Wha, for Scotland's King and Law,  
Freedom's sword will strongly draw;  
Freeman stand, or Freeman fa',  
Let him follow me."

I raise this sword once more, an emblem of freedom, truth, and honour, in which you have associated yourself so closely with many of your fellow subjects, particularly during the events of the late War—(applause) and by this emblem I think we may be encouraged in the paths of duty. And with loyal hearts we may join, one and all, in a slight variation of some other lines in that same song—

"Now's the day, and now's the hour!  
See approach Prince Edward's power  
Peace and harmony!"

Sir, it is not my privilege (and I am sure you would not wish to take it from me) that I should hand over to your special keeping this sword, but in place of that I wish in the name of Grand Lodge, the brethren assembled here, to hand over to you this Jewel of Honorary Membership of our Lodge and I now ask you to allow me to invest you, and to greet you as a Brother amongst us. (Applause).

The Prince responded briefly and heartily.

The new Grand Master, the Earl of Stair was duly installed.

The Brethren then proceeded to the North British Station Hotel for the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew, the chair being occupied by the Grand Master, the Earl of Stair, and the Proceedings are vividly reported. We commend them for dignity, wit and mirth combined to the Brethren of Canada.

The Grand Master had been present at the initiation of the Prince and had asked him then to come to Scotland, little thinking that he would be Grand Master to welcome him.

The toast was graciously introduced as the following example of good words and good-will will show and the reply was very happy.

He has gone out of his way for years past to meet and make himself personally acquainted with His Majesty's subjects and His Majesty's allies in every quarter of the globe—not only in peace time, but he has given them the encouragement of his presence and by fighting alongside them absolutely in the forefront of the battle line. (Applause). And wherever he goes, wherever he has gone, and wherever he will go in the future, his extraordinary charm of manner and his pluck, not only as a soldier, but as a sportsman, have made an irresistible appeal to every subject of His Majesty. And I think, whether he admits it or not, these efforts in that direction and his labours are not all pleasure, even although he may say they are. But the job he has done and the way he has done it all over the world, has not only added to the esteem and affection which has always existed amongst His Majesty's subjects for our Royal House, but has bound the Empire together by a chain which it will be quite impossible for all the worst endeavours of our enemies to break for all the years to come.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the brethren sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "We'll all sit down together."

Brother His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in acknowledging the toast said—

I am a young Mason, or I think I should put it better if I said, not so young but a post-War Mason. I have to add that I am somewhat idle in Masonry—('question')—and because of that I feel all the prouder to stand before you to-night "all dolled up," to use an American expression, as a Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey.

And, brethren, to think that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should thus honour an English Mason, and an idle one—(laughter)—makes me feel very proud that I should be the one to be chosen to-night (Applause). But when I say an English Mason, that is the only way in which I use the word "English" to-night. I am very proud indeed of my Scottish descent—(applause) of my Scottish title—(applause)—and of the right to wear a kilt—(applause)—just as proud as I am to be a Scottish Freemason. (Applause). Anyway Freemasons in the United Kingdom somehow work very well together, whatever their nationality.

And I should like to assure your Grand Master Mason that I have been in Scotland very often, and that I enjoy it more every time I come. (Applause). And now it is up to me to ask you to drink, and it does not require any words at all to ask you to drink, to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which I am so very proud to be the youngest member to-night."

In response to the toast in his honour the Earl of Elgin said:

Your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, and brethren, the three years just ending mark a very memorable period in my life. I have married a wife; a son and heir has made his appearance; and I have had the privilege of enjoying the confidence of the brethren of Scotland as Grand Master Mason. The holding of that office, an honour in itself, has been made doubly honourable this evening by the privilege which it has given to me of welcoming, on behalf of Grand Lodge, the highest subject in the land, Brother The Prince of Wales, and at the same meeting of installing as Junior Grand Deacon, no less a person than Brother Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

He then proposed the toast to the Daughter Lodges which he described as the life blood of Freemasonry, and showed how St. Andrew finding his brother, typified the true Mason.

Speaking of those who did not regularly attend he says:

The ritual is merely a framework on which to build character. If we are able in our Daughter Lodges to build character such as will stand fire under every condition, we shall bring those brethren back.

The response of Bro. Lord Clyde, Master of Lodge Edinburgh Academy Centenary, was a striking one as the following extracts will show:

I should like, first of all, Grand Master Mason, to assure you on behalf of one of the latest of the prolific family of Grand Lodge, that the pups are all right—(laughter and applause)—and that they are of the good old Scottish breed, and that they will not prove unworthy of the favour which they have received from Grand Lodge. It is the great function of the Craft to reinforce and support those influences in our society which make for union, for loyalty, for a sense of duty, rather than for the assertion of rights; and it has ever been in the habit of appealing for support to the principle of local patriotism.

Not exactly to local patriotism, but to a patriotism of another kind which is at least as capable of being woven into the fabric of Masonic unity as local patriotism is, namely the common loyalty of old school-fellows for their *alma mater*.

Perhaps school is above all others the place in which we learn to place any little laurel leaves we win for ourselves on the altar of something greater than personal ambition.

So mote it be with the fellowship of the Craft!

At the meeting on the 18th of December, the Brethren being up-standing, the Grand Master referred to the sudden death of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. E. A. Chisholm, who had held that office for 24 years.

A Grand Master's Jewel is to be presented to the Earl of Elgin and a bronze heraldic plate commemorating his term of office is to be affixed to one of the Pillars of the Hall.

This reviewer with the blood of Inverness and Edinburgh forbears in his veins, desires to take this opportunity of expressing appreciation for the many courtesies extended to him in Scotland during his memorable visit of 1924 with the Canadian Bar Association, from Scottish Master Masons.

M.W. the Earl of Stair, Grand Master Mason.

R.W. David Reid, J.P., Grand Secretary Edinburgh.



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

M.W. Brother A. W. Piper, K.C., Grand Master.

Membership 11,051. Net increase 758.

The portraits of the newly elected Grand Master, M.W. Bro. The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, M.A., LL.B., with a fine looking bevy of other Grand Officers and with an insert of the very handsome Masonic Temple in Adelaide which presents a striking and substantial exterior with the old words of injunction over the portals "Audi, vide, tace", add graphic interest to the Proceedings.

This great Temple is in process of completion within and the Lodges who subscribed a certain amount are recorded on a roll of honour of Hall Stone Lodges. Most generous subscriptions have been made.

The half yearly Communication of Grand Lodge was held October 7th, 1923, when the Board of General Purposes presented their full report.

Canada was represented by V.W. Bro. M. Williams.

In proposing an amendment to the Constitution the ancient charges are referred to and quoted with regard to the Grand Master as follows, the word *Fellowcraft* being emphasized.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow Craft, nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master until he has been a Fellow Craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best position, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or some other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the Lodges.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following:

To-night we are beginning the 40th year of the history of this Grand Lodge. With some the passage of time would not perhaps be a very great thing in itself. It is a thing we cannot stay, much as some of us would like to, but in connection with this we shall have at that time, if not actually reached the laying of the foundation stone, of the new Temple, have reached a physical demonstration that the work has begun by the excavation of the site and the preparation of the laying of the stone.



The Annual Communication was held at the Town Hall, Adelaide, April 16th, 1924.

The installation of the new Grand Master was accompanied with dignified and impressive procedure. There was a very large attendance and the entrance of the Grand Master was heralded by a fanfare of trumpets and the processional ode "We Sing of Masons", by a large choir. This was followed by the National Anthem and prayer.

The retiring Grand Master delivered his valedictory from which we take the following:

The first word I would like to say on your behalf is to offer our very sincere congratulations to our Very Worshipful Grand Registrar Bro. Napier on his elevation to the Supreme Court Bench. (Applause). I think if there are two bodies of men whose confidence in this matter Bro. Napier values it would be the members of his own profession, and undoubtedly his Brethren in Freemasonry. I am happily in a position to be able to assure him of the confidence of both these bodies of men, and not the least of his popularity in the Craft, whose esteem he has gained and whom he has served so well.

He also congratulated the Grand Secretary upon having been again elected to the office of Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and adds the following personal touch:

I desire to accord you, Brother Grand Secretary and Mrs. Glover, our fervent hope that the new generation will be a very great joy, and that you and Mrs. Glover will live many happy years to enjoy your posterity.

Among those charter members of 40 years ago who laid the foundation of Grand Lodge is cited among other distinguished names the first Grand Chaplain, Bro. Canon Poole, father of the newly elected Grand Master. Also Brother Sir John Cockburn who is the representative of South Australia near the Grand Lodge of England and to whom Canadians (among them this reviewer) are indebted for many courtesies in London.

From the address of the new Grand Master, Mr. Justice Poole we take the following suggestive words and thoughts:

Hitherto, I have confined myself to things which are past: Suffer me now to speak of the present—the ever recurring present—with its offered opportunities of service to God and man. "Carpe diem" was the motto of the Epicurean. It might well serve the

purpose of the Craftsman if you but understand it and seize the day's opportunities for service. The present offers such opportunities, sometimes carelessly disregarded, sometimes wilfully rejected, but always offered.

If you are true Masons, you will be true men, true in the special work which is yours, true in the busy world outside, and if true to yourself, with all the better knowledge which Freemasonry gives, you cannot then be false to any man. (Applause). And, brethren the work of the humblest member of our Order may be of higher moral worth than that of a Grand Master. The best craftsman is he who reaches the highest standard that can be reached when using the medium on which he is set to work. Each one has a different medium for the expression of his craftsmanship, and he who makes the best use of these powers and qualities of body, intellect, and soul, is the best and truly successful Freemason.

"Power to do good," said Francis Bacon, Lord St. Albans, in one of those essays of his that are so full of wisdom, "Power to do good is the true and lawful end of aspiring; for good thoughts, though God accept them, yet towards men are little better than good dreams unless they be put in act." The principles, in more modern phrase, must be translated into action.

We must avoid all enervating pessimism on the one hand, and on the other, that foolish blindness which disregards the difficulties of the present time. We are living now in a period of reconstruction—of readjustment.

But, whatever changes may come, or have come, economic or social, the principles we set before us remain fixed, immutable, though all else be turmoil.

We are building, not for ourselves only, but for the long vista of years to come.

The retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Piper, K.C., was officially and personally thanked and made a worthy reply.

The Grand Master said:

He has attained a true popularity amongst Freemasons—in Lord Mansfield's phrase, "that popularity which follows, not that which is run after."

The following touching incident is then recorded:

Just prior to the retirement of the scrutineers the Most Worshipful Bro. Piper left the dais and escorted R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Poole, P.D.G.M., to the M.W. Grand Master. There was a touching filial meeting and the Brethren stood and applauded as the venerable Brother shook hands with his son, and then quietly retired from Grand Lodge.

A full roll of honour of those who represented the constituent Lodges during the last Great War is printed,

with the names of those who passed by the path of duty, service, and sacrifice to immortality, marked by a star. Preceding this roll of honour is the following message of King George:

The traditional loyalty of British Freemasons is a force upon which the Sovereign of this Country has ever reckoned, and has been to me a proud memory during the anxious years through which we are passing.

South Australia is represented in Canada by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K.C.

Canada is very happily reviewed by Rev. Bro. Williams our Representative, and we reprint the following generous and kindly comments:

The Grand Master's address was lofty in tone, dignified in utterance, and characterised as "worthy of the Grand Master, who delivered it." He speaks of the members of the Craft as "co-heirs and co-trustees, and also co-workers with the Master, Who said My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," Who calls us to the labour of love—the refreshment and happiness of duty." The Magna Charta of the Craft and Church is "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God."

Here may be added that one potent reason for the use of the black ball in our own Constitution is this same violation of secrecy. It is not always a safe procedure to deliver an adverse report on a candidate. I have known instances in which within twenty-four hours a proposer or seconder or even the candidate himself has known what has transpired at a meeting of a Permanent Executive Committee.

We cannot resist also printing part of the report on Maine as follows:

An interesting point was touched upon by the Grand Master, in dealing with the possible (let us sincerely hope rare) use of the ballot for retaliation or revenge. The Grand Master laid down that "A member of a Lodge is invested with the right of ballot as a Masonic trust, and it is a privilege which should be used by him only in the execution of that trust, and not for the purpose of enabling him to gratify any individual or personal grievance, real or supposed."

The Grand Master, in saying that "it is not only un-Masonic, but cowardly, for a man, who has been afforded the honors of Masonry, to take advantage of a secret ballot in order to serve his own personal ends," surely voices the sentiments of our own Grand Lodge of South Australia! A little verse the writer frequently uses in Masonry may perhaps express our feelings:—

"For once within these walls thou'lt find  
No barter, servant's fear nor master's voice unkind.  
Here, all are kin to God above,  
Thou, too, dear friend,  
For here, our rule of Life Is Love."

In 1927 we hope to have the privilege personally of meeting and greeting our South Australia friends and Brethren.

M.W. Bro. The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, M.A., LL.B., Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Charles R. J. Glover, Grand Secretary.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

M.W. Bro. J. Campbell Bissell, Grand Master.

Membership 28,717. Net gain 581.

After eight special meetings of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying corner-stones, a worthy object, befitting the good functioning of the Craft, the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Charleston, March 12, 1924, six Past Grand Masters present and Canada represented by Bro. A. A. Lemon. We suppose that at once there will be the enquiry as to how possibly South Carolina can claim 187 years of continuous existence and we have no doubt but that this can be satisfactorily answered by their Grand Secretary and Grand Historian.

The address of Grand Master Bissell was an able document of which the following are fair ensamples:

We are living in a time of new thought, of new opportunity, of new inspiration. We are standing in the daybreak of what promises to be a new age in which men will come to see each other and to understand each other in a clearer light and to know that the most glorious of all things is Human Service and that the greatest of all strength is the Strength of Unity.

But of course we know that the dead did not die in vain, for no righteous cause can ever fail to triumph in the end, and defeats met by a just cause can be but mile-stones upon the road to eternal victory.

We shall be judged, my friends, by the little daily acts of our lives. The poet Wordsworth wrote these lines in an old album to a child:

"Small service is true service while it lasts."

We are sorry that South Carolina has not ranged itself among those Jurisdictions who believe that the



Masonic Temple is one not made of hands and that the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life.

The Grand Master refused to permit two otherwise good men to be received because they were amputation cases as to one limb and he speaks of what would have been "flagrant violations" had they been initiated without his having stopped them.

Brethren and colleagues please remember that these men may be good enough for the Church and for Heaven even if they are not good enough for the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. We quite admit however that if this is a provision of the Constitution and so expressed and not an obsolete tradition, then the Constitution must be observed until repealed.

Andrew L. Randell who has covered the whole of the United States in his work for the Masonic Service Association, delivered a masterly address, as he always does.

South Carolina deals generously with the Foreign Correspondent paying him the sum of \$750 and he gives value for value.

A handsome silver service was presented to the retiring Grand Master and gratefully acknowledged.

Fraternal Correspondence in the experienced hands of M.W. Bro. J. L. Michie, P.G.M., cannot fail to satisfy. He introduces his review by verses entitled "A Memory System," from which we take:

"Remember every kindness done  
To you whate'er its measure;  
Remember praise by others won  
And pass it on with pleasure;  
Remember every Promise made,  
And keep it to the letter;  
Remember those who lend you aid,  
And be a grateful debtor."

He reproduces under Alberta the address of M.W. Bro. Thornton of Manitoba, on the Legend of the Third Degree with particular reference to the romance of the "Prentice Pillar" of Roslyn Chapel, near Edinburgh, which we commend to all our readers for its wonderful imagery and beauty.



This from the address of Bro. Stockwell of North Dakota is of special interest:

What is brotherhood? My answer is simply this. It is a recognition of the rights of all men. It began with the Magna Charta in the days of old King John at Runnymede. It is found in the various Bills and Declarations of Rights in England. It is found in the American Declaration of Independence and in the fundamental laws of your Dominion it is a part. Yes, my brethren, we can make Masonry a more potent force in our Empire and in our Provinces and in our States by a larger appreciation of our blessings, and a greater insistence upon the perpetuation of those great principles underlying our democratic institutions.

British Columbia gives him a suggestion which he puts in the following words:

He is in favor of light "stand up" refreshments after Lodge Meetings in preference to Banquets. "The peripatetic method gives more opportunity for increasing our acquaintance with each other." he says and he is absolutely right there.

Canada 1922 is appreciatively and graciously reviewed. He says among other complimentary comments and discriminating quotations:

Brother Ponton's Address breathes a spirit of loyalty to the British Empire that is very refreshing to this writer, a native of Auld Caledon.

The Reports of the District Deputies occupy 184 pages, we confess we have not read them.

We find Brother Edward B. Brown in his usual seat at the Round Table, giving his readers an excellent and courteous review of the various Jurisdictions

Iowa gives him and us its full share of poetry which is always better than the ordinary run of verse. We reproduce these two examples:

The Grand Secretary prefaces his Report with these lines:

"Do whate'er you have to do  
With a true and earnest zeal;  
Bend your sinews to the task;  
Put your shoulders to the wheel."

As Grand Librarian he thus prefixes his Report:

"I love my books! they are companions dear,  
Sterling in worth, in friendship most sincere;  
Here talk I with the wise in ages gone,  
And with the nobly gifted in my own;  
If love, laughter, sorrow, please my mind,  
Love, joy, grief, laughter, in my books I find."

Under Maine he quotes:

Every Mason should strictly observe the civic laws of the State and the Country. He laid much stress on the point that lodges should take more care in instructing candidates along these lines rather than to bend all energy to a letter perfect recital of the ritual; though that should by no means be neglected as the candidate advances.

Under Missouri with regard to Corner-stones and Sabbath observance he quotes the Grand Master as ruling:

I received requests to lay corner-stones for churches on Sunday. I had to refuse these under action heretofore taken by the Grand Lodge. But in my judgment it is high time for the Grand Lodge to depart from this puritanical stand. We say to our church-going members, "it is all right for you to go as a churchman and do these things, but you can't go as a Mason." It serves to destroy our effectiveness by being criticized as narrow, while our teaching and purpose is to the contrary.

New South Wales in urging advocacy of the enlargement of the Home, Hospital and School, issues a poetical appeal by the Grand Bard of which the three following are typical verses:

Ere long a noble Edifice shall rise  
In every portion permanent and real,  
And show its beauty to the smiling skies,  
As pure and peaceful as the Arch Ideal.

Our best! To dry the widow's tear filled eye—  
Our best—to help the orphans in their need;  
Our best—to guide their aspirations high—  
Our best, to make our present work succeed.

Push on the work, Let not the ardour cool,  
But let the helpful breezes on it come,  
Till we can point to our Masonic School,  
Our Orphanage, our Refuge, and our Home.

The conclusion of the thoughtful review contains a reference to three much discussed matters which are thus introduced:

It will doubtless come somewhat in the nature of a surprise to some of my readers to learn that the admission of blind candidates is sanctioned by the Mother Grand Lodge of the World, the United Grand Lodge of England. There is a "Blind" Lodge in London, called "Lux in Tenebris," where the majority of the members are blind. The practice seems to be of many years standing.

Blind persons learn to develop their other senses and faculties in such a wonderful way that I can see no practical difficulty, and

from the point of view of principle there cannot possibly be any objection among Masons who are no longer operative and have all become speculative. There were, of course, very practical objections to those who were halt or maimed or blind in ancient times, when Masonic Lodges were actually the Trade Unions of the day."

"I have found another Jurisdiction where illegitimates cannot be made Freemasons, namely Louisiana."

I here repeat what I said in 1920, only substituting "Louisiana" for "Mississippi":

This subject appeals to me strongly. Louisiana says a bastard cannot be made a Mason! Here we find a splendid body of men, such as we know the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to be composed of, deliberately and wantonly condemning an innocent man for the sins of his guilty father, and allowing said guilty father privileges it denies to his innocent son! Is there any justice or mercy in such procedure? King Solomon himself could never have been made a Mason if the Louisiana Law applied in his day; he was not the son of "honest" parents in the sense that Louisiana interprets that word in our ancient Charges.

Another new Order, distantly related to Freemasonry, has sprung up in some places, yclept "The Order of the Rainbow," a female Order for girls between the ages of 14 and 18, a sort of companion organization to the Order of De Molay. The pre-requisite is that the applicant must be the daughter of an Eastern Star.

The Pennsylvania Edict against the Eastern Star continues in force, Grand Master Abraham M. Beitler has announced that the fiat of Grand Master Sell will be enforced.

Charles K. Chreitzberg, Rock Hill, Grand Master.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Robert S. Lockhart, Grand Master.

Membership 18,965. Net gain 460.

Among the chief events of the year had been the laying of the Corner-stone, "agreeably to the customs and usages of ancient Craft Masonry," of the Masonic Temple at Mitchell, South Dakota, and the laying of the Corner-stone of the Grand Lodge Library at Sioux Falls. A picture of the latter splendid ceremony adorns the volume.

The occasion gave an opportunity for a new orator to appear upon the Masonic horizon. The address of Bro. C. L. Brockway is altogether unique and striking

We can only give a few extracts to demonstrate its worth:

The stone is laid. In every state of the American Union a similar ceremony is performed many times each year—for Masonic Temples, for hospitals, schools, churches, libraries and public buildings. Placed significantly in the northeast corner of the foundation indicating the coming of light from the east to dispel the darkness and cold of the night and of winter, in its full form a perfect cube, symbol of truth.

Upon this foundation is to be erected a library building—a place in which as the years shall pass, may be gathered a literature of the Craft of Free and Accepted Masons, not merely for storage and preservation, but to be accessible at all times and disseminated among the craft; that from the lives and experiences of those who have studied, learned and practiced the lessons of Freemasonry, they may gather inspiration to emulate the examples of the great, the wise and the good men of all ages who have been ennobled by service done our common humanity.

We believe in the institution of Freemasonry, not simply as an oath-bound secret order or society, but as an association of free men—free in body, mind and soul—linked together by a common origin, a common hope and a common destiny. The institution is the sum total of the individual members.

Masonry does not, and no Freemason should speak or act as though all brotherhood is within its own portals or ranks.

If the Freemasonry of this year shall prove to be of that stuff from which inspiration may be drawn for the work of the tomorrows by the Masons yet to be, and if because within this building shall have been gathered the records of past accomplishments, the material for future growth, to which as unto a living fountain the brethren may turn for light and hope as they face their problems throughout the jurisdiction, then we do well to lay this corner stone.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Deadwood, 10th June, 1924.

The Grand Master gave a brief and striking address from which a few sentences will show the quality:

Let us hope that the enthusiasm of the past may not be diminished in the future, for we must all realize that every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm, but in the march of progress do not let our Lodges become mere machines for conferring degrees, forgetful of the finer things of the teachings of Masonry.

Masonry is a union of all unions.

The financial condition of our beloved country has in a sense prevented a great many of our subordinate Lodges from doing as much work as they would have done had conditions been otherwise; but the true spirit of Masonry is alive, and everywhere the brethren



are only waiting for the times to change, as there are many in every locality who wish to belong to the Masonic order.

I regret to say we have some brothers who are too anxious to pick flaws in the acts of others. To such brothers I wish to say this is not Masonry and—

“If we will stand aside and see ourselves go by,  
Think of ourselves as he in place of I”.

we will see his acts in a much different light.

Of commercializing the Craft, he says:

I received a business card bearing Masonic emblems or terms used by a brother in business for advertising purposes. I at once wrote to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in the city in which this card was issued. He secured from the brother all the cards in his possession and destroyed them and the brother agreed to try and collect all that were out and destroy them.

This has the right ring:—

With picture, parable and stately drama, Masonry appeals to the lover of beauty, bringing poetry and symbol to the aid of philosophy and art to the service of character. To have true Masonic patriotism we must have as our ruling passion the love and zeal for our country, keeping ever in mind the love for home and God.

But we find in many individual Masons the expression of an almost superlative Americanism which to say the least is not conciliatory to us of British stock and we think it best to frankly say that we cannot be expected to be enthusiastic about Grand Master Lockhart's conclusion which is thus expressed:

To be a good Mason, one must be a good American. The two words have therefore become almost synonymous. It was through their love of country, gleaned by them from Masonic teachings, that the founders of our government were enabled to throw off the yoke of tyranny and set up the government we love.

What would South Dakota or our other Brethren of the United States think of us if we were to say “to be a good Mason one must be a good Englishman”. We are afraid our friends and Brethren would laugh us to scorn.

Grand Secretary Pettigrew joins the trinity of Grand Secretaries who go beyond the fiscal and enter into the spirit of the Craft. From his report we take these paragraphs:

It is an age of transition; Bolshevism, Communism and other numerous “isms” are recommended as panaceas for all the ills that compass us about, and advocated by half-baked doctrinaires and long-haired orators, who would pull down the temple of society, even



our government, on our heads, but not one of whom can produce or command any constructive relief.

To demolish, to destroy is easy; to build, to construct, requires sane, sound thinking, hard work, ceaseless vigilance, with due appreciation and regard for past experiences of the race. To preserve the integrity of the family, private property rights, equality before the law, educational and industrial opportunity, the great postulates of religion, should be the endeavor of all Freemasons.

The Committee on Necrology quotes this consolatory verse:

“Be comforted ’tis but a little while,  
And the dark river that arrests our path  
Shall roll behind us while we walk the fields  
And climb the Mount Celestial: for we know  
In whom we have believed, and rest secure.  
Be comforted; rejoice in hope.”

The new Grand Master Treon in his address of thanks says:

Among other things he called attention to the fact that in those edges where the bulletins and other material sent out by the Association are used a notable increase in attendance and interest is manifested and excellent results secured.

John A. Rowland of Toronto, represents South Dakota in Canada and we are represented by Bro. William E. Milligan.

The review of the various Jurisdictions throughout the world is by Bro. Charles L. Brockway to whose corner-stone address we have already referred.

He singles out the dynamo in Alberta as follows:

After all has been said we find that Brother S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, is the man on whom all seem to lean. He goes to the District meetings, instructs and encourages the brethren, holds up the hands of the Grand Master and looks after the library and winds up by writing the report on Correspondence in which South Dakota is given ample notice.

Canada receives appreciative comments from which we take the following paragraphs, the whole review being of interest:

Twenty-five Lodges constituted, eleven dispensations for new lodges, twelve warrants granted, nineteen halls and temples dedicated, three corner stones laid, one for a Masonic Temple.

Speaking of the Lodges, the Grand Master, says:

“Each lodge, as each man, has a distinctive tone or flavour derived from its personnel, its environment, its conditions, its age, its size.”

He made an extensive trip through Northern Ontario and was deeply impressed, not only with what has already been accomplished in the settlement and development of that north country, and the activities of the lodges visited, but also with the greater possibilities for the future when that section shall be fully occupied with its generations of empire builders.

A good record.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, makes a careful analysis.

The whole report of the committee should be read in every lodge in the jurisdiction, not once only but several times. The suggestions of the Committee as to means of solving the constantly recurring problems of non-attendance, want of interest and others, are worthy of careful thought and attention.

Connecticut gives to him and to us this emphatic admonition with regard to the "barnacles" so-called:

"The evil side of all this is the probability that these barnacles on Masonry will hamper the fraternity in its progress towards its legitimate objects and unduly narrow its activities. But, thank heaven, there are ample signs that this, like the rest of the aftermath of war hysteria, will ultimately die of inanition and everything will settle into normalcy and true progress."

A consummation most devoutly to be wished. But in the meantime it seems much the better part of wisdom not to wait for these barnacles to die off, but to make such good use of the lodge and its resources as to develop the Lodge and its membership along the lines of brotherly love, relief and truth that they will become such storehouses of energy and power as to make it dangerous for the barnacles to attempt to attach themselves. Freemasonry must be active, alive, not passive. The Blue Lodge is the place to make Masons, and if they are properly made, much of the trouble will disappear.

New York's Proceedings as usual furnish much to the Reviewer. Our colleague makes these comments:

The volume is replete with reports of the good results following from the use of the Educational matter now becoming more and more useful for the purpose of educating and training Masons in the knowledge of the history and traditions of the fraternity as well as in the methods of applying that knowledge to the discharge of the multiplying duties which the obligations assumed cover.

New York is not only the premier Grand Lodge in point of numbers, but is making good use of the opportunities afforded by its commanding position in the Masonic World. The greatest and best men within its borders are surely encouraging and promoting the art.

Under Texas we find:

Some three hundred children are maintained at the home and school and at the rate of increase in recent years it seems manifest that the Grand Master did not aim too high in his call for \$1,000,000.

Brother Randell was present and submitted the report of the Committee above named, besides making one of his characteristic addresses. Grand Lodge in many ways manifested its appreciation of the work done, and without hesitation pledged itself to an enlargement of the program, and strenuously carrying it to every Lodge in the state. There will be little chance for sleeping at the post for any one of the 120,000 Masons of the State.

Frederick Treon, Chamberlain, M.W. Grand Master.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## TASMANIA

M.W. Brother Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master.

M.W. Brother Claude James, Pro Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Sir Elliott Lewis, K.C.M.G., Deputy Grand Master.

Membership 3,346. Net gain 234.

With the record of two special meetings, the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in Hobart, 23rd February, 1924, is chronicled.

The science of architecture found practical application in the work of the year and is thus acknowledged by the Board of General Purposes:

I desire to record the grateful recognition of the very valuable and practical help given to the Board by R.W. Bro. R. Flack Ricards, P.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. C. H. Watkins, S.G.W., in connection with Masonic buildings. There exists at the present time a gratifying spirit among Country Lodges to provide their own Lodge Room, or to improve existing buildings, and time and again the Brethren named ungrudgingly give their professional services as Architect and Builder respectively in supplying plans and specifications. This is not only a great assistance to the Board in connection with practical details, but also saves time and often expense to the Lodges, I think it fitting, therefore, that the appreciation by the Craft of the valuable services rendered by the Brethren named should be acknowledged and recorded.

The Pro Grand Master attended the installation of the Earl of Stradbroke in Victoria and also the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in Sydney.

The receipt of the Proceedings of Canada with other Jurisdictions is acknowledged.

From the Grand Master's address we could cull many sentences with advantage but content ourselves with the following:

We are judged by our fellow-men by the extent by which we practise such principles, and the influence and effectiveness of Freemasonry do not depend so much upon its rules and its traditions as upon its conformity to the standard which others impose, such standard being the precepts of the Institution which this Grand Lodge asserts to be its foundation.

With regard to the Masonic Temple just erected he says:

The Temple has been erected by the Brethren of the Lodge entirely from funds subscribed by the Members, and they are to be commended for their enthusiasm and love of the Craft which has induced them to be so self-reliant.

That intolerable nuisance the chain prayer, comes in for outspoken rebuke as follows:

My attention has lately been drawn to an objectionable practice which has again made its appearance amongst the Members of the Craft. I allude to the matter of a chain prayer. Some years ago this abuse became so flagrant that the Grand Lodge of England condemned it, and the Brethren were asked to abstain from circulating or signing any such documents, and in this connection the Grand Master of New South Wales said:

"The chain prayer reminds one of the custom of the ignorant, but pious, people of Thibet, who paste a few thousand written prayers within a revolving barrel, and consider them duly recited when they have turned the barrel once or twice. Moreover, the appeal to that little vein of superstition by the veiled threat of dire calamity to any individual breaking the chain is utterly unworthy of any one professing adherence to our great and Heavenly-inspired system of morality."

I endorse those views, and sincerely trust that the chain prayer will receive no encouragement from the Members of any Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

His conclusion is worthy:

No true Mason desires to see our Institution possessed of a large membership or great wealth unless it commands the respect, the confidence and admiration of mankind, and one that is an influence and power for the good of all God's creatures, consoling the sorrows of the afflicted, assuaging pain, and lifting its Members to higher and nobler conceptions of life, with its responsibilities, cares, and demands, so that the world is happier and better for its existence, and in consequence of its teachings.



The representative of Canada in Tasmania is R.W. Bro. H. J. Wise and Tasmania is represented in Canada by R.W. Bro. A. F. Webster.

A special meeting of Grand Lodge was held at Wynyard, 5th April, 1924, when an oration was delivered by Grand Chaplain Corvan from which we quote:

We are apt to boast of the progress we are making, we are wont to glory in the scientific knowledge and educational proficiency of to-day and the results of that knowledge and efficiency, and often we only think of our part in the progress and the results secured in the present day, but we must never forget that we are the heirs of many thousand years of human life and human progress, and that each generation has built upon the accumulated knowledge and efficiency of the past. What a difference between the rude flint instruments of the Stone Age and the wonderfully efficient tools of the modern craftsman. What a world of difference lies between the rude boats of skins, or interlaced twigs or canoes scooped out of the log of wood, and the latest word in naval design, the Hood. That difference has not been bridged by us alone, each generation has had its part. I want you to remember that just as it is in this building, the foundations are out of sight, but on them the building stands; so it is with men. God buries the workmen, but the work remains! So it is with Masonry.

We meet on the level because, although there are many things which divide men—nationality, race, class, means, ability, politics, aye, and, sad to relate, even religion—yet these superficial distinctions disappear if men are thought of as the children of the Great Common Father, sprung from the same stock, men who feel the same emotions of joy and sorrow, relief or anxiety, love or aversion. The love of nation, family, and home are the same in all. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

If they see that you are squaring your actions by your profession, if they see that you are loyal subjects of your King, good citizens, and exemplary in all your duties, whether of a commercial, social, and domestic nature, then, indeed, will Masonry flourish.

The Half-Yearly Communication was held at Hobart 23rd August, 1924, the Grand Master on the throne.

The Board of General Purposes report among many other interesting matters the following:

A Circular has been sent to Lodges drawing attention to the facilities for obtaining Library Books, and it is hoped that this will result in full use being made of the Books which are at the disposal of the Brethren.

Owing to the death of R.W. Bro. John Hamilton at the age of 90, V.W. Bro. W. H. Strutt was elected Grand Secretary.



The Grand Master delivered a short address, an interesting item of which is:

In addition to these visitations, it was a great pleasure to me to attend the meeting of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge on March 27th, when a large number of the Brethren on the vessels of the British Fleet, then in our harbour, attended, and the occasion will long remain a pleasant memory.

An oration was delivered by V.W. Bro. Grand Chaplain Sussex from which we take these sentences and verses:

Reason urges, and wisdom cries aloud on such occasions as these, to look well to the basic things on which we propose to raise the superstructure of a new Lodge, and I charge you accordingly.

Conceived as a Brotherhood, and pledged to address itself to world-wide propositions of peace, goodwill, and fraternity, Masonry, not with blare of trumpet or beat of drum, but by silent and effectual penetration, is making a valuable contribution towards a golden age of world order, when our race shall have passed from its wilderness into that Promised Land which great minds are already greeting—a warless world; co-operative, not competitive; sacrificial, not selfish, when the law of love shall prevail, not the jungle law of tyrannic and perverted might. With such a vision true Masons are prophetic with this conviction:

“Nation with nation, land with land,  
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;  
In every heart and brain shall throb  
The pulse of one Fraternity.”

“Happy be ye whose minds now seek the key  
To ope the door of this Lodge, Harmony;  
While round you surge the discords and the jars  
Of Life's strange medley, yet may this Lodge be  
A true rehearsal of the harmonious bars  
That guide the Chorus of Eternity.”

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Launceston, 28th February, 1925, the Grand Master on the throne, and from the report of the Board of General Purposes we take the following loyal and fitting paragraph:

The following Address of Welcome to His Excellency the Governor (Sir James O'Grady, K.C.M.G.) was presented by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers on 24th December last:

“On behalf of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Tasmania, we desire to express our Loyalty and Devotion towards the Throne and Person of His Majesty the King.

"We extend to you a sincere and cordial Welcome, not only as His Majesty's representative in Tasmania, but also as another link in the golden chain which binds us to the Motherland.

"We respectfully convey our best wishes for the Health and Happiness of yourself and family during your sojourn in our Island State."

A Circular has been sent to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction warning the Brethren against admitting a visiting Brother now in Tasmania soliciting assistance, but who is not worthy.

Grand Master D'Emden was re-elected, proclaimed and saluted. The Grand Master in his address says:

It is gratifying to hear that in some Lodges a genuine attempt has been made, in accordance with the wishes I expressed, to afford the Brethren instruction and enlightenment in Masonic history and the aims of our Institution, apart from the Ritual ceremonials; no doubt these efforts have been greatly appreciated, and it is sincerely hoped that such laudable endeavours will be continued, and the practice become more general than at present.

Freemasonry in all ages has made for good and held its own, and in these times of rapid thought and quick action we should realise our responsibilities as Freemasons, and be prepared to do our duty in that state in which it has pleased Almighty God to place us.

M.W. Brother Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Strutt, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

## TENNESSEE

M.W. Howell E. Jackson, Grand Master.

Membership 47,658. Net gain 2,314.

The Proceedings open with a sketch of the new Grand Master Polk, of whom his biographer says:

An untiring worker and with a keen faculty for judging men for their true worth, the brethren can rest assured that the affairs of this jurisdiction will be ably handled and that we will continue to advance.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Communication of Grand Lodge was held at the Scottish Rite Temple, Nashville, January 28th, 1925.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters honoured Grand Lodge and were honoured by Grand Lodge in the East.

Grand Master Jackson says in his interesting address:

Another year has passed with its sowings and its reapings; its cradle songs and its funeral dirges; its sunshine and its shadow. The Great Architect of the universe has been very good to us, his children. He has blessed us and prospered us. We have been spared many ills.

I sincerely congratulate our Scottish Rite brethren of Trinity Consistory No. 2, on the erection and ownership of this magnificent Masonic Temple. It is a splendid monument to their liberality and Masonic spirit as well as to the Fraternity in general. It supplies a most desirable and convenient place of meeting both to them and to us. May it prove an inspiration to all of us for nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and greater achievements.

Under "guarding the outer gates," the Grand Master quotes with approval a former Grand Master who laid down suggestive rules as a text of applicants for admittance. We quote some of them which go to the centre:

The applicant should be a gentleman, as Americans interpret that word. He should be of refined manners and tastes, no matter what his standing in the so-called social world. We have known hod-carriers to be more refined than some Senators of the United States.

He should believe in the Immortality of the Soul. An annihilator can not participate in our Mysteries, and would be an atom of foreign matter in our Ceremonials.

He should be a man who seeks the general good of his kind, and is not a greedy or selfish person to the known detriment of others.

He should be a temperate man in eating, drinking, and in speech; orderly, forbearing, not contentious, nor inclined to speak evil of others.

Such men are worthy of admission within our portals; aye, such are capable of "holding the Mystery of the Faith in a pure conscience."

I will add to this that it is often much easier to get an unworthy one in than it is to get him out and that sometimes the attempt to put him out disrupts the Lodge.

As to the power of the Grand Master where the Constitution does not make provision he refers to interesting authorities:

The Grand Lodge possesses the original jurisdiction over all cases occurring within its limits. It is only for expediency that it remits the merits of any case to a Subordinate Lodge as a quasi committee. It may, if it thinks proper, commence the investigation of any matter concerning either a Lodge or an individual brother within its own bosom.

The Subordinate Lodge is the instrument which the Grand Lodge employs in conducting the investigation. It may or it may not make use of the instrument, as it pleases. (Mackey's Principles of Masonic Law, page 69.) The Grand Master, during the interim of the Grand Lodge, possesses the executive authority of the Grand Lodge.

Among his rulings we find the following of interest and the first is characteristic:

The questions asked me have run the gamut, from "When is the full of the moon" to "How to prevent lady applicants for membership in the order of the Eastern Star from being blackballed." I referred the first to the calendar and answered the second, "It is none of our business."

Is it the duty of the Worshipful Master to testify before a committee taking evidence in a Masonic trial?

Yes.

The object of a Masonic trial is to demonstrate the guilt or innocence of the accused by competent witnesses.

An attorney for the accused can be made to testify to what he knows if his information is obtained otherwise than as an attorney.

Is it a Masonic offence for a Mason to refuse to answer questions before the trial committee?

Yes.

Can a member while under suspension for non-payment of dues be tried for a graver offence?

Yes.

Can a Lodge waive jurisdiction over a profane?

No.

Can a Lodge receive the petition of a profane, with or without a waiver of jurisdiction, who lives within the territorial jurisdiction of another Lodge?

No. A candidate must petition the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides.

He made 50 rulings in all.

With regard to the Widows' and Orphans' Home he says:

The Widows' and Orphans' Home is our greatest asset and our greatest liability.

The asset is in the boys and girls who are being made into useful citizens.

The Masonic Fraternity of this state owes a large debt of gratitude to the men who, without compensation, or hope or expectation of reward, except a knowledge of duty well done, take the necessary time from their vocations and avocations to manage this Home—perform this labor of love.



Education is a great problem in Tennessee and it has a challenge which the Brethren meet. The report says:

The inculcation of a system of education is in the very nature of things, a slow process and yet the campaign of the Masonic Fraternity, begun less than four years ago, to educate its members and the public generally as to the deplorable condition of our rural school system, and the appalling percentage of illiteracy in Tennessee—has produced amazing results. The legislature is apparently in full sympathy with the position of the chief Executive. Stranger than all, we find a citizenship in our State thoroughly aroused and ready for the new era, and willing to pay almost any price to bring an equality of opportunity to all the children of Tennessee.

The members of this organization have had a large and important part in bringing about a sentiment for better education in the State, but the struggle has just begun. The Government may initiate and strongly urge reform, but the people must carry out the program.

At the beginning of this report we undertook to show that education pays. This has been demonstrated to us in the past year. Seven of our girls have graduated from a business college, and all of them have secured positions of responsibility, and are making good.

Away down south in Tennessee Grand Master MacEwing and Grand Secretary Ovas of Manitoba, found themselves over-whelmed by the warmth of welcome which is thus recorded and their smiling features glow from two pages of the Proceedings:

M.W. James S. MacEwing, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and M.W. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, bestowed a great pleasure and honor upon Grand Lodge by paying us a visit at this time. They were escorted to the altar, introduced to Grand Lodge and received with the Grand Honors. They were then escorted to the East and each delivered an attractive address. These brethren certainly had a way with them, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that Grand Lodge never had any other visitors that were any more enjoyed and appreciated. The brethren warmed to them from the time they reached Nashville and the more we saw of them, the more we liked them. The weather caused the only disagreeable note, but the brethren were Masons enough to say that it was bad enough to make them feel at home. It takes a gentleman to say that.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge is printed in full.

The edicts of Grand Masters are codified and re-printed.

Tennessee is represented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson of Toronto, and R.W. Bro. George T. Wofford represents Canada in Tennessee.



The review of Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of a committee of Brothers Chambers, Hudson and Smart, of whom Brother Chambers is Chairman. In the introduction we find this plan of treatment and this summary of interesting topics:

Instead of stating, entirely in our own language, the information thus obtained, we have, so far as practicable, quoted from the Proceedings so that our Brethren can see for themselves what our foreign Brethren in their own language have said and reported as done—instead of what we might say they have said and done.

An examination of our Report will show that some important Masonic matters have been considered and acted upon during the last year—such as physical qualifications, the “hurry” of newly made Master Masons to get into the other so-called “higher” Masonic degrees, especially the “Shrine,” or into other organizations whose members must be Masons, before mastering the rituals, lectures and lessons of the first three foundation degrees; and the use of the word “Masonic,” or an equivalent, in business advertisements and transactions, or in social clubs and organizations.

Our colleagues are fond of poetry and do not allow it to waste its sweetness on the desert air. Here are some extracts that they quote:

“You are writing each day a letter to men;  
Take care that the writing is true;  
’Tis the only Gospel that some men will read—  
The Gospel according to you.”

“If I live a life that is clean and square  
AND I love my fellow man;  
And I lend him a hand to help him bear  
His burden whenever I can,  
I need not fear what the future holds,  
Nor what the reward shall be  
For the mighty love that all enfold  
Will most surely care for me.”

“So when a great man dies,  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men.”

“What care I for robe or stole?  
It is the soul, it is the soul.  
What for the crown or what for chest?  
It is the soul within the breast.  
It is the faith, it is the hope,  
It is the struggle up the slope,  
It is the brain and the eye to see,  
One God and one humanity.”

"The wisest man could ask no more of fate  
Than to be simple, modest, manly, true;  
Safe from the many—honored by the few;  
To count as naught in world or church or state;  
But inwardly, in secret, to be great."

They find a fairly adequate definition of Masonry as follows:

Freemasonry is an Institution, not an Order. It is an organized society, established by authority, of ancient and continuous activity, employing symbolical forms borrowed principally from the mason's trade and from architecture, for the promotion of human happiness.

Not all members of Lodges are Masons at heart; but that does not detract from the teachings of the Institution.

Masonry is not in business for profit. Freemasonry cannot properly be used by anyone as an aid in securing business, or to gain the confidence of others for the furtherance of selfish aims or for pecuniary benefit.

It must be apparent to any thinking man that to use fraternal kinship to advance one's own private interests is unethical and un-Masonic.

Canada for 1924 is favourably reviewed in friendly fashion.

Of Grand Master Drope's activities they say:

The Grand Master visited seventy of the Canada Lodges, and in November attended the laying of the corner stone of the proposed Washington Memorial Building, at Alexandria, Virginia, and, though a Canadian, embraced in his address a fine report of that ceremony.

He strongly favored "Inter-Lodge Visits," "Masonic Bureaus," "Masonic Education," and "Past Master's Associations."

The "conclusion" of the address was fine but we lack space to quote therefrom, except "Harmony, prosperity, and progress have put their seal upon our beloved institution, and all goes well."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence of which Past Grand Master W. N. Ponton was Chairman, presented a fine report. Tennessee for 1924 was given nearly seven pages of fraternal review.

Warm greetings to our Brethren in Tennessee.

Charles W. Polk, Millington, M.W. Grand Master

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, R.W. Grand Secretary.

**TEXAS**

Gus A. Brandt, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 128,880. Net increase 6,001.

The portrait of Grand Master Brandt which precedes the largest volume of the year of any Jurisdiction, indicated a man of determination and purpose, to whom a problem or difficulty would be but a challenge to action.

A special Communication was held at the Masonic Home and School, Fort Worth, for laying the corner-stone of the Girls' Dormitory, when the Grand Orator delivered an address from which we take the following paragraphs:

Hence to-day, in obedience to an ancient custom, we are laying a corner-stone, square of surface and in its solid contents, a cube. The square a symbol of morality, and the cube a symbol of truth, a constant reminder to us as Masons that when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away, we have within us a sure foundation of eternal life, a corner stone of immortality.

Masonry in its most essential quality means service, and this building, whose foundations we have joined to-day, is but a practical symbol of one of the noble causes to which we are dedicated, the protection and conservation of these, our treasures, the children of our brothers, from whose nerveless hands have fallen forever the working tools of life, and in this hallowed spot to-day, a challenge comes to us:

"To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep."

Another special Communication was held April 11th, 1924, at Arlington to lay the corner-stone of the O.E.S. Home.

Another special Communication was held June 27th to dedicate the Scottish Rite Cathedral and the occasion was full of significance.

Past Grand Master Fly addressing the assemblage said:

We have an army of about five thousand tried and true Scottish Rite Masons in this part of the State.

We have tried to justify the granting of this dispensation to us and today we point to this magnificent edifice as a monument to the

enterprise and the glory of Scottish Rite Masonry in Southwest Texas.

Let no man come into this Temple with envy, with malice, with ingratitude in his heart; let no man come in here with his heart and mind filled with intolerance and with the spirit of the Pharisee going through his bosom. We are all God's creatures standing on the same level, and you must learn that lesson in Masonry, because through all the warp and woof of Scottish Rite Masonry there is that one grand lesson—tolerance of the religion of the man.

That is what we have on our corner-stone out there,

“Erected to God, and dedicated to Free Speech, Free Conscience and Free Public Education.”

From the Grand Master's address on the occasion we take these sentences:

We are about to dedicate this building to these great and holy purposes of Freemasonry; to that noblest of all human work and discipline, the acquisition of wisdom, and the increase of loving kindness and beneficence.

The foundations have been well laid; it now needs only that those shall not be wanting who must complete the structure.

The Grand Orator spoke as follows:

No country is greater than its highest ideals of citizenship, and the influence of those God fearing, God loving men, who have been the leaders of the Craft, has done much to shape the destiny of this great commonwealth. To-day at Austin, due to the splendid and far reaching vision of one of our great leaders, palatial dormitories house the youth of Texas and their hospitable walls beckon to possibilities of higher and nobler things. At Arlington, amid peaceful gardens of flowers and songs and love, are gathered the patriarchs and mothers of Masonry, and though their eyes are dimmed with the years, their hearts are atune to the Glory of God and His handiwork as expressed in the practical workings of our Craft.

The Eighty-ninth Grand Annual Communication was held in Waco December, 1924. Twelve Past Grand Masters present. Canada was worthily represented by Bro. Elmer Renfro, Fort Worth.

Past Grand Master A. L. Randell delivered an eloquent address on behalf of the Grand Representatives from which we take the following:

I am one of those who believe in the value of this system and simple ceremony; I am one of those whose great faith is the fact that there is growing and developing in the hearts and plans, and in the activity of the various sovereign Grand Jurisdictions of recognized Freemasonry throughout the world, a sense and spirit of unity, and a desire to come closer together, and form a brotherhood of Grand Jurisdictions, as we have formed a brotherhood of lodges in our home

Grand Lodge; I am one of those who believe that when that day comes that we have torn away the barriers that have been built up by custom and procedure and lack of understanding that now stands between us and the greater co-operation of the leaders and the Craft themselves— that the day is coming when those barriers will be torn down, and this Fraternity, millions strong throughout the Masonic world, is going to exercise again that great power for the uplifting of mankind, and for the service of mankind that it has exercised in the past.

All Master Masons in good standing for over 40 years were assembled and honoured in the Grand East.

From the Grand Master's very full address we get some of the following nuggets of ore:

It is, then, in this spirit and in recognition of the fact that "whoso escapes a duty avoids a gain" that we come together again to formulate such laws and regulations as may be deemed beneficial to the Fraternity, and it is in this sense that I greet you and bid you welcome.

I may have only approximated the truth, that at times an incomplete understanding may have veiled the motive of an act which to me seemed clear, that I respectfully submit the following report for your considerate action, knowing that none expect to find here that unflinching and consummate justice that we may expect to see administered in the Court of God's High Chancery.

Under the heading of Deaths of Distinguished Masons he says:

Life and Thought have gone away,  
Side by side,  
Leaving door and windows wide:  
Careless tenants they!

To attain the truth and serve mankind; this is the noblest destiny of man.

He shall not be forgotten by those among whom he labored.

"Music when soft voices die  
Vibrates in the Memory;  
Odors when sweet violets sicken  
Live within the sense they quicken;  
Rose leaves when the rose is dead  
Are heaped for the beloved's bed  
And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,  
Love itself shall slumber on."

"That form, the labor of Almighty skill,  
Framed for the service of a free-born will,  
Asserts precedence, and bespeaks control,  
But borrows all its grandeur from the soul.  
Light lie the turf, good Brother! on thy breast,  
And tranquil as thy mind was, be thy rest."



Hear his admonition which all Lodges should observe in Canada as in Texas.

On the first page of the Printed Proceedings for 1923, it states that they are "Ordered to be read in all the Lodges of this Jurisdiction for the information of the Brethren." This injunction should be carried out in order to give the membership the proper understanding of the relationship existing between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, to advise them of new laws enacted or of changes made in those already existing and to broaden the range of Masonic interests of the brethren beyond the narrow limits of their own lodge.

Where it is found impossible to read the Proceedings in their entirety, a digest could be made of those parts which directly relate to, or are of interest for, those of that particular lodge or section and could be continued through several meeting nights so as not to become a burden. If this procedure were followed out a new light would be shed on the usefulness of the Grand Lodge and a new zest and interest be given to things Masonic.

A merited word of praise is given to "The Master Mason" edited by that eminent scholar, Dr. J. Fort Newton.

Of the Home he says:

It would cause your hearts to beat faster, if you could but visit this magnificent Home, and mix and mingle with those dear boys and girls of ours. You would, undoubtedly, come away from there a better man and Mason, and with an increased spirit of kindness and brotherly love, upon which this institution is founded.

No less than 50 Dispensations to lay corner-stones were issued, a splendid record of public activity. Many Dispensations for *public* installations were also issued. This would not be possible in our Jurisdiction.

Under Decisions Grand Master Brandt made a record for all time, issuing no less than 346 set out in brief and succinct terms.

From this chronicle of judgments we take the following as examples:

Can a lodge act on the petition of one working in their jurisdiction whose family lives in another State?

Ans.—They cannot. Residence is where the petitioner's family resides.

What recourse has a lodge in a case where a M.M. fails to stand examination in that degree?

Ans.—Charges can be preferred against him for un-Masonic conduct in not complying with the provisions of Article 444a but

he cannot be deprived of his rights as a Mason unless charges are preferred and regular trial held.

A lodge reported the blackballing of worthy candidates, with no initiations held for eighteen months and asked for someone to be sent there to investigate and harmonize the condition.

Ans.—Held that investigation of the ballot is improper, the same being an inviolable right of the members, cited Article 465, and commissioned a Grand Lodge officer to visit there and compose the situation.

What can be done with a suspended Mason for wearing a Shrine pin; especially after he has been ordered to take it off?

Ans.—We have no control in this matter, though I am sure there is a State law against it.

What position do the brethren of a lodge, whose charter has been arrested, occupy? Can they visit other lodges?

Ans.—Non-affiliates. They can visit other lodges.

Is it permissible to place a corner stone in our new frame building?

Ans.—It is not. Corner stones must be placed only in buildings of stone, brick or concrete construction.

Can one, who has lost a foot, be permitted to take the degrees.

Ans.—He cannot, because he could not conform to our ceremonies.

In a Masonic funeral the family wishes to have some act as pall-bearers who are not Masons. Can their wishes be respected?

Ans.—All active pallbearers must be Masons. Honorary pallbearers may be whomsoever they wish.

Will you grant us permission to have a Masonic float in a parade?

Ans.—No. This would be an ostentatious display in the name of Masonry.

Does the Masonic Order accept, as initiates, those having a strain of negro blood?

Ans.—It does not, if known.

Will you grant special dispensation for our lodge to enter the parade of Masonic and affiliated bodies and attend a program, concert and picnic at a local park?

Ans.—No. The Grand Master is permitted to grant such dispensation only when there is some specific duty to perform. You can parade as individuals.

Is the sending of a chain letter a Masonic offense?

Ans.—Not a Masonic offense but is pure superstition. Suppress it.

Is it proper to allow another organization to have a part in the burial ceremonies before the Masonic work is concluded?

Ans.—It is not. Our work must not be interspersed with that of any other order and must conclude the services at the grave.

Our lodge meets “on or before” the full moon. Moon fulls about noon, August 14, shall we meet at 8.00 p.m. after or the week before?

Ans.—You meet on the day the moon fulls, which is August 14.

Is it a Masonic offense to charge, falsely, that a Fellowcraft has been drunk?

Ans.—It is, for the reason that it is slander and slander is listed as a Masonic offense. We even include the slander of a profane.

When charges are preferred against a Fellowcraft, are they to tried in a Fellowcraft lodge?

Ans.—All charges are filed and tried in a Master Mason’s lodge.

The DeMolay is sponsored by Masonry is it not?

Ans.—The Grand Lodge of Texas has declared itself to the effect that lodges should not sponsor the DeMolay or any other Order.

In the conclusion of his address these thoughts and aspirations appeal:

As Masons, we are taught to labor and that the world itself will be an eternal witness of the acts that we have done; that we are noblemen of God’s patent, and that our escutcheons and quarterings are to be found in Heaven’s great book of Heraldry.

A great Roman has reminded us that in no respect do men so nearly approach the Deity as when they confer benefits on man and that this should be a guide for those who set a right value upon a high and unsullied renown.

And for this great Fraternity I ask only God’s perpetual blessing, to the end that those who make up this great brotherhood may in all things ever keep their constancy, lest we, in striving after false lights which lead only into darkness or for ends which may promise much and yield little, should be misdirected by altered milestones and, in this striving to attain that which is of little worth, lose that which has cost us much.

The Grand Orator spoke eloquently on December 3rd:

Masonry is of divine origin, because man is of divine origin. Man is of divine origin because man himself is divine. Earnestly believing in these doctrines, my message to you shall be “As a Man Thinketh.”

“Mind is the Master-power that moulds and makes,  
And Man is Mind, and ever more he takes  
The tool of Thought, and shaping what he wills,  
Brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills:  
He thinks in secret, and it comes to pass:  
Environment is but his looking glass.”

Masonry and science are synonymous terms, and science and true religion are alike the offspring of Infinite wisdom and mercy, both revealed to mankind for their happiness.

"God is in His Heaven;  
All is right with the world."

Grand Master Turner of New Mexico and Grand Secretary Davilla of Louisiana with escorts, were warmly welcomed.

At the evening meeting the Boys' Band of the Masonic Home and School discoursed vibrant music and Julian Mosley one of the students, delivered a delightful address, the concluding paragraph of which reads as follows:

The older students in the Home know what they are receiving from the Masons of Texas and on their behalf I thank you for our opportunities and we all hope to show our appreciation of your kindness by being successful and honorable citizens.

James Nooks, Senior at the Masonic Home and School also spoke well.

From a very striking address by Bro. Sadler on "Selfishness Versus Service", we take the following passage which will cling to the memory:

Harold Bell Wright says:

"Eyes dimmed by the fog of things cannot see truth; ears deafened by the din of things cannot hear truth; brains bewildered by the whirl of things cannot think truth; throats choked by the dust of things cannot speak truth; hearts deadened by the weight of things cannot feel truth."

Truth is the beam which guides the bark of civilization into the harbor of safety. Education is the handmaiden of truth.

The Fraternal Correspondence is conducted by M. W. S. M. Bradley, P.G.M. but we regret to say that Canada in Ontario is omitted from his reviews, although he gives our statistics of 1923. All other Provinces are, however, generously honoured.

A splendid analysis of Grand Lodge Institutions of Benevolence is given showing 44 Homes firmly established and successfully carried on. When will Canada be able to join in this forward philanthropic and needed proof of progress?

He closes his introduction with the following verse:

If you can stoop to raise a fallen brother,  
 And start him on the Road of Hope again;  
 If you can know yourself to be a lover  
 Of honor, though obscured by cloud and rain;  
 If you can hear the call of grief and sadness  
 From your distressed, discouraged fellow-man  
 And change his tears to laughter and to gladness,  
 Then you're a Mason, brother, and a Man.

A Chinese Doctor addressed the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as follows:

While Chinese words are pictures, they are only stationary pictures, but Americans have gone one better by translating thought into visible action—moving pictures. We invented the pictures; you improved them. The first Chinese illustration of the language of pictures may be given in the shape of a square. A square in Chinese represents a mouth. Why is a square a mouth? Because every word a Chinese utters is supposed to be in accordance with the rules of the square. Since 620 B.C. the Chinese have had Freemasonry with rites and rituals almost identical with yours of to-day.

We would like to see the proof of this:

Our colleague well says in a fine report of United Grand Lodge of England referring to the visit of R.W. Bro. Robbins to this Continent:

These official visitations should be encouraged by all Grand Lodges, as a means of strengthening the tie that binds together in closer friendship and fraternity, the Masons of all English speaking countries. The better we know each other, the better we like each other.

These verses struck him for their searching simplicity

I have to live with myself, and so  
 I want to be fit for myself to know.  
 I want to be able, as the days go by,  
 Always to look myself straight in the eye;  
 I don't want to stand with the setting sun,  
 And hate myself for the things I've done.

I can never hide myself from me;  
 I see what others may never see;  
 I know what others may never know;  
 I never can fool myself, and so,  
 Whatever happens, I want to be  
 Self-respecting and conscience free.

Appended to the review is a valuable and informing article on Masonry in Turkey, which closes with this invocation:



"Enough of hatreds, enough of horrors, enough of tears! Peace, Liberty and Justice for all."

The writer of this review prided himself on being the Grand Representative of Texas in Canada, but perhaps by a clerical error, in the printed list another name has been substituted.

M.W. Guinn Williams, Decatur, Grand Master.

R.W. W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

## UTAH

LeRoy Aylmer McGee, Grand Master.

Membership 4,502. Gain 182.

M.W. Bro. Collins the new Grand Master has a friendly biographer, and his bright-eyed vitality is shown in his portrait. We quote from the introduction, probably written by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodges do well to turn to business men, often, for leadership in Craft affairs. Professional men—and the writer of this speaks advisedly—are all right, and not infrequently furnish a strong administration, but it is well to sandwich in now and then one whose training, experience, and view point are characteristic of the business world. Such men—particularly when successful in their chosen fields—are apt to approach problems from an angle different from that of men trained for, and in, other callings. Not only is this true, but further, they are apt to bring to the discharge of their duties as administrators of Masonic affairs those qualities which make for efficiency, and that vigor and energy which bring things to pass—"put them over," in other words.

At all events a business man is to lead the Craft of the Bee-Hive State this year—he has other qualifications for the position but the one named is sufficient.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication was held in Salt Lake City, January 15th, 1924. Twelve Past Grand Masters aided by their presence in making the continuity of Masonry apparent.

The Committee on Necrology presented a poetic and earnest report and thus speak of their departed co-workers in the co-operative Craft:

Their earnestness in things Masonic, their adherence to the best landmarks of the past, their steadily making us see that their Masonic duties were but the fruitage of their great hearts, these

were but the minor trends of their real work. We go forward wondering who will be able to continue their tasks. Such lives are the very pillars in the Masonic Temple. They are living stones in the wall that shelter and defend all that is best in home and Lodge and country today. Unto them we bring this tribute of memory.

From the Grand Master's decisions reported in his address we take the following as of interest:

Inquiry was made by George Washington Lodge No. 24, whether an applicant who has lost so much of his right thumb that practically speaking, he has no thumb at all, is eligible for admission so far as physical qualifications are concerned.

Answer: After carefully considering the Grand Lodge Code, and former rulings on such points, the ruling was that the applicant was not eligible.

In connection with this matter, I might state that many Grand Lodges are letting down the bars to some extent regarding physical qualifications, and that possibly this Grand Lodge may, in time, do the same.

Let us hope so—a thumb is a thing, the mind is master of the man!

With regard to a pilgrimage of Kaibab Lodge to Kaibab Forest in Arizona (a striking narrative), the Grand Master says:

About twenty-three Masons, made this pilgrimage all for the purpose of holding a Masonic meeting in the great forest, which gave the Lodge its name. There, with the star decked canopy for a roof; with an altar and stations built of stone, the regulation Great Lights, and Lesser Lights, fashioned from a tree of the forest, this meeting was held, Lodge being opened in due and ample form.

The Grand Master was assiduous in travelling over his large Jurisdiction in which Masonry is concentrated into 24 Lodges, all of which he visited.

We suppose that all that he says with regard to the American Flag can equally well and ought to be said of our British Flag. We therefore reproduce his remarks:

We are glad to note, that following the recommendation made by Grand Master Griggs, virtually all of the Lodges have an American Flag displayed in their Lodge room. This is eminently fitting, as Masonry has always stood for patriotism and loyalty. We regret to note however, that some times the Flag has been used for decorating purposes, and at times it is draped, or confined, nor not properly hung. All of this is improper and contrary to the "Etiquette of the Flag," as compiled by the American Legion.

With regard to Masonic Clubs and other similar Organizations he says:

I believe that this Grand Lodge should have jurisdiction and supervisory powers over such organizations, and I submit the matter to the Grand Lodge for their consideration.

And he concludes a thoughtful address thus:

But in the final analysis, Brethren, the greatest mission of Masonry is the Brotherhood of Man, which it teaches and develops. To my mind, the words of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, are most appropriate:

"A king can make a gartered knight,  
And breathe away another:  
But he, with all his skill and might,  
Can never make a Brother.  
This power alone, thou Mystic Art,  
Freemasonry is thine!  
The power to tame the savage heart,  
With brother love divine."

Under Utah as well as in one other United States Jurisdiction the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was not sustained by Grand Lodge and their decision with regard to a charge which received animated discussion was reversed and the trial verdict of Argenta Lodge was restored.

The report of the Grand Librarian indicates the literary activity of our Utah Brethren.

They are generous to their Grand Correspondent and make him an annual allowance of \$600; appreciating the time, mechanical labour and careful responsibility involved.

Harry P. Stoneman of Ingersoll represents Utah in Canada.

Canada had no Grand Representative officially recorded in 1924 in Utah.

The Correspondence Report is fathered by R.W. Bro. S. H. Goodwin who is also Grand Secretary, and while the reviews show marked ability, they also indicate the aggressive thought of a strong and determined personality. He cannot expect us all to agree with him in all that he writes.

Canada is not either criticized or praised. We are simply omitted.

The foreword is evidently intended to make his Brethren—and we are all Brethren—sit up and take notice, for something is doing. He introduces his subject thus:

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.—Thoreau.

"A preface, being the entrance to a book, should invite by its beauty," declares a delver into the curious in literature. And he continues: "An elegant porch announces the splendor of the interior."

Commenting on Australia in his foreword he says:

The editor then follows with a reference to a pronouncement by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, who is quoted as saying:

"The organization known as the Ku Klux Klan has raised its foul head in this community. We in Australia unfortunately seem to be afflicted by the introduction of some of the worst features of American life, and this applies to the attempt to introduce the Ku Klux Klan here."

He appears to have been touched on a sensitive subject by someone who has used the brain matter which undoubtedly he is competent to produce and which it must be a temptation to all his Brethren and colleagues to reproduce. Frankly we feel most complimented when anyone uses our mental fraternal secretions expressed in type. He does not however think as we do—and says:

Another matter that seems worthy of being considered is plagiarism. Elsewhere in these reviews reference has been made to the very specific charges made by an Australian Grand Correspondent against an American member of the Reviewer's Guild.

The father of one of England's famous Prime Ministers has a curious chapter, in a more curious book, on "Professors of Plagiarism and Obscurity." Referring to one of the first-named class, he says of him that he "openly taught not to imitate the best authors but to steal from them." This man, according to our author, very justly observed, "that all who apply themselves to polite literature do not always find from their own funds a sufficient supply to insure success. For such he labors," says the author quoted, "and teaches to gather, in the gardens of others, those fruits of which their own sterile grounds are destitute; but so artfully to gather, that the public shall not perceive their depredations."

He closes his introduction thus severely:

"Why all this space devoted to the discussion of an unpleasant subject? For the simple reason that this writer would place an



unmistakable stigma upon work and practices which are unworthy, of a man who bears the name of Mason."

Illinois gives him ample scope for comment and allows him to express a word or two in favour of that controversial note which sometimes has a clarifying effect. His own words are a challenge:

Come we now to the Correspondence Report of Past Grand Master Delmar Darrah. In his foreword he gives his understanding of what he conceives to be the task, and what should be the aim, of the reviewer. We differ from him in this and can not help expressing regret that one who is abundantly equipped to give much to the Craft, is content to fall short of his possibilities. In our judgment much more is gained by a free, frank expression of opinion, an exchange of views, a discussion of matters of common interest than can possibly result where one restricts himself to what has been done by others.

We are reminded just now of Alexander Campbell's sturdy defense of religious controversy. He maintained that progress in religious thought and life had come in consequence of controversy, and he cited many historical instances in support of his position.

Our Brother tells us, in his foreword, that "Masonry differs in various Jurisdictions because of the source from which it has been derived." That, no doubt, is a cause but not the only, or the principal one, as we see it. Far more, it appears, are differences due to isolation: there is a wall about each Jurisdiction, so that what might have been a slight difference at the start has grown and has been greatly enlarged, because there are no satisfactory means of checking up. We compare ourselves with ourselves, as the Apostle puts it. To maintain a likeness or similarity, there must be a common ground or a common standard to which each may turn. What happens under such circumstances as those referred to is illustrated by conditions, so far as the ritual is concerned, in Lodges under the English constitution in England itself. Grand Lodge has given, and has, no authorized standard ritual and so each Lodge has become largely a law unto itself.

Under "A Basis of Recognition," Brother Darrah refers to the purposes of the Masonic Service Association to present "an universal platform of recognition which might be adopted" and he continues, "unfortunately, all Grand Lodges are not members of the Masonic Service Association and for that reason many of them will fail to adopt this universal platform whenever it may be agreed upon." But why can not Grand Lodges do this very thing—that is, accept this basis, if it commends itself to their judgment. The Masonic Service Association can hardly put a rail fence about its ideas and further if a thing is true, if it represents facts and ideas, why should not those outside of the Association benefit thereby?

He gives an interesting review of Nova Scotia from which we take the following:

In common with other Jurisdictions which derive from the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Master did not look with favor.



upon the Order of Eastern Star. He held that no Secretary of a Masonic Lodge has a right to give any Masonic information to a non-Masonic organization which he, as an official, may have and that should he do so, as for example, to answer the question whether or not a Mason is in good standing, he should be dealt with severely. Further, "No Mason has a right, as a Mason, to join a Body which admits those who would not be admitted to a Masonic Lodge."

We have not the slightest doubt but that our Brother and colleague while not conciliatory in manner, is one of the most down-right, upright and earnest members of the Craft and we wish that he had not ignored us and that he had given us something with regard to which we could either agree or disagree in connection with Canada.

James William Collins, Salt Lake City, M.W. Grand Master.

Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City, R.W. Grand Secretary.

## VERMONT

George I. Whitney, M.W. Grand Master.

Membership 18,456. Net gain 227.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication was held at Burlington, June 11th, 1924, Grand Master Whitney on the throne.

Canada's Representative was not among those who were saluted at the altar. Seven Past Grand Masters graced the dais.

The Grand Master delivered an able and thought inspiring address.

With regard to the election of District Deputies he truly says:

Recognition should not be given to any lodge because it is their turn unless they have one well qualified for the position.

He has very definite and practical ideas regarding Benevolence and Dues:

Calls for charity are made and in many cases no relief can be given until a paper is passed among the members soliciting funds. Dues should be increased to provide ample funds to conduct the lodge on a basis that all may be proud of. My attention has been

brought to one lodge that has increased its annual dues to five dollars. They are to be commended on their action and I hope many lodges will follow this lead.

Make your lodge a live worthwhile institution.

He has declined several requests for permission to allow Masonic Halls to be used for other than purely Masonic purposes. He says:

Personally I have no desire at this time to comment on the merit or demerit of any society or organization. But I do believe that Masonic halls should be for Masons only and that it is the duty of every Mason to uphold and obey the law of the Grand Lodge.

He emphasizes one of the great objects of the Craft as follows:

I was received on all occasions with the honors due to my official station. I feel that the Grand Officers should avail themselves of every possible opportunity to visit other jurisdictions. To bring men together, to compare methods, and the conference discussions result in much profit and are for the good of the Craft, and the friendships made are very desirable.

With regard to his own high office he says:

The title of the office should not give the feeling that the recipient is placed upon a pedestal, but rather that it has brought him in closer touch with his brethren, for it is not what one has done for himself, but what he has done for others that lives after him.

From the Grand Secretary's report we take this interesting information for comparison:

In the matter of annual dues one lodge requires but one dollar from its members showing that Freemasonry is almost literally free and in that respect nearly rivals religion. In two lodges the fees are ten dollars and of 97 lodges reporting they average three dollars.

The various Committees functioned in a business-like manner.

As an appendix there is printed a digest of Masonic Law from 1906 under the direction of the Committee on Jurisprudence, alphabetically and systematically arranged.

The Chairman and writer of the report on Fraternal Correspondence is an old friend, M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M.

British Columbia gives him ample field for comment and quotation and we reproduce these living sentences from his review with regard to the candidates:

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Anyone so actuated will be bitterly disappointed, and in all friendship we warn you. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men, and to help where he can.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and those only are acceptable who cheerfully conform to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to a Freemason, and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense.

We think it advisable to inform you that your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations, which you should be able to afford without detriment to yourself, or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, and any further sum which you may feel it your duty to contribute for the maintenance of the charities connected with the Craft.

The idea seems to us admirable and we strongly advocate the preparation and adoption of such a form for use in our own Jurisdiction.

B.C. and Vermont indulge in lively and mutual repartee.

It is shocking to learn that there is a ritual to be read, and perhaps even more so that there are Lodges composed entirely of illiterates. How innocent they are in British Columbia! For Brother DeWolf-Smith's enlightenment, for, of course, he is sitting in darkness, we will illustrate what our ritual is like. Now you take the following agglomeration of letters, "r a b b i t." To the unlettered Mason, we presume the above would appear to be "rabbit"; while to those of us who are not "illiterate," it is plain to read, "returns and brings book into temple." Our ritual, Brother DeWolf-Smith, is lettered, not unlettered, any more than our members are "illiterate."

We have to thank our colleague for his favourable notice and generous quotation from Canada 1923. The Brethren will appreciate our re-producing a few paragraphs selected by this experienced commentator:

The Grand Master reported having written nearly one thousand letters and telegrams, issued no less than 675 dispensations, consecrated seventeen Lodges, and dedicated several Lodge rooms. Surely the job of being Grand Master of over 98,000 Masons is no sinecure.

The Grand Master states a reasonable rule as to Physical Perfection, as we see the matter, in this excerpt:

"I gave permission to receive applications from and to initiate 16 men, physically defective, under Section 181A of the Constitution. Most of them were service men, and each case was specially investigated and reported on. They will be pillars and ornaments. The letter killeth, the spirit giveth life."

Well might every Grand Master keep that quotation in sight, "THE LETTER KILLETH, THE SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE."

And also with regard to De Molay and Fraternal Correspondence he says:

We can see hope of good results from this Order. But are there not undesirable results likely to come from it also? Do we want the name of establishing a "Feeder for Masonry?" Will the honor, glory, and reputation of the Fraternity be enhanced by this new departure? Solomon, wasn't it, who said, "Of making many books there is no end." Sometimes it seems to us that it may be said of the good ship, Masonry, "Of making many Barnacles there is no end."

The Grand Master is of those who appreciate the good that results from the work of the Fraternal Correspondents:

"Do our young Brethren realize what a treasure house of Craft lore, what a fecund and procreative matrix of ideas and modern thought is to be found in this Fraternal Correspondence which never grows old or stale? Volumes five years old are fresh and bracing. Next to a correspondence fixed with Heaven, which as Burns says, is a noble anchor—is correspondence with our great Brotherhood of every clime the world over, acting and reacting on one another—all for each, each for all—"

We have quoted a few gems from the Grand Master's address. It is well worth printing in full, so full is it of Masonic lore and wisdom.

Missouri caught his eagle eye in the following which appeals to us:

The Grand Orator, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, delivered an eloquent address on "The Spirit of Freemasonry." As Brother Holt defined it, it is brotherliness, helpfulness, hopefulness.

I never heard a more beautiful philosophy than that, a man who could say when his gray gull came to the end of the last flight, 'My gray gull lifts its wings against the nightfall, and takes the dim shadows with fearless eye'.

Under England having regard to the rejection of a resolution relating to Masons of alien birth and other matters our colleague says:

From which, we gather that some Englishmen still look askance at Masons of German birth.

Grand Lodge voted unanimously to contribute two thousand guineas to the earthquake sufferers in Japan.

The Grand Lodge of England takes an uncompromising attitude toward the introduction of political propaganda into the Lodge.



Our representative in Vermont is R.W. Bro. George B. Wheeler, Bellows Falls, and R.W. Bro. Tudhope of Orilla, represents Vermont with us.

Christie H. Crowell, Brattleboro, M.W. Grand Master.

Henry R. Ross, Burlington, M.W. Grand Secretary.

## VICTORIA

M.W. Brother His Excellency The Earl of Stradbroke, Governor of Victoria, Grand Master.

Membership 30,332. Net increase 3,852.

Under the inspiring and guiding leadership of M.W. The Earl of Stradbroke and of M.W. F. T. Hickford, Pro Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Victoria is making rapid and healthy strides.

A sepia portrait of the Grand Master with all his military and royal decorations, graces the opening pages of the Proceedings, which cover the four Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge.

The first under review is that held at Melbourne 21st March, 1923.

The Board of General Purposes is the real executive of Grand Lodge and submits interesting reports. The representatives of sister Grand Lodges near Victoria are requested to write a short summary of the reports of their respective Grand Lodges and submit same for revision in each year. This is a new idea in Fraternal Correspondence and the result while varied, appears to have been satisfactory in this instance.

Grand Lodge conducts yearly an examination for their King Edward VII Memorial Scholarship, for which they had 77 candidates and two Scholarships were awarded to sons of Master Masons. This is another excellent suggestion along the line of enterprising and appropriate and beneficent progress.

The Grand Master was re-elected and the installation ceremony is given in full. The procession headed by the Grand Heralds entered the Hall, the Grand Chaplain offered up prayer:



The Installing Master obligated, addressed, invested and installed the Grand Master Elect.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies from the East proclaimed Most Worshipful Brother His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria.

Grand Honors were given.

The choir sang:

Full and harmonious, let the joyous chorus  
Burst from our lips in one glad song of praise,  
Hail to the Art whose glory beameth o'er us,  
Loud to the heav'ns above our voices raise.

Ages have passed since first our Art descended,  
Ages on ages may it yet remain.  
Join every heart in one full chorus blended,  
Long may our noble Art high state maintain.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies made the Proclamation from the West.

Grand Honors were given.

The choir sang:

Here every generous sentiment awaking,  
Music inspiring, unity and joy;  
Each social pleasure, giving and partaking,  
Glee and good humor our hours employ.

Thus then combining, hands and hearts joining,  
Long may continue our unity and joy.  
Thus then combining, hands and hearts joining,  
Long may continue our unity and joy.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies made the Proclamation from the South.

Grand Honors were given.

The choir sang:

Loud let us sing, with heart and voice united,  
Praise to the Architect of heaven and earth,  
Him by whose word the stars above were lighted,  
By whose almighty breath our souls had birth.

Trusting His goodness, in His word confiding,  
Here to our altar grateful thanks we bring;  
Firm in our purpose, in true faith abiding,  
Joining in chorus loud our Art we sing.

From the Grand Master's address we take these thoughtful and suggestive words:

With regard to the Temples, while suitable and ornamental buildings, expressive of our substantial belief in the stability of Masonic advancement, are being built, attention should be given to the artistic embellishment of the interiors. We should avoid having bare walls, and a Lodge room should be made attractive as to its furniture, its general setting and equipment. With the beautiful Australian woods at your disposal this should not be difficult or too expensive. We should remember that the best which is possible should be given to Freemasonry. It should be made the focussing centre of all that is morally and intellectually superior in the community, and the highest standards of excellence should alone be encouraged and developed. While paying the utmost regard to the details of ceremonial work, this should never be allowed to become in any way mechanical. Music is, as I know from my own experience in visiting Lodges, greatly appreciated, and it should always be held as a high altitude of endeavor. I think more attention might be paid to the formation of libraries, so as to enable Brethren to obtain further acquaintance with Masonic history and tradition.

Our substantial buildings are typical of the thoroughness of our principles, and Freemasonry is now such an important factor in the world's affairs that we must be more than ever careful that only those are admitted who will honor the Craft, and be an honor to it. Without intruding itself on the provinces of religion or politics, it seeks to leaven the mass by inculcating the finest principles of morality. It is not academic, but it insists on making those principles a practical active, operating force. It is only by the combined efforts of individuals, co-operating together with the concentrated energy of a determined purpose, that any substantial good can be accomplished.

M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C., represents Victoria in Canada and V.W. Bro. W. Kemp represents Canada in Victoria and is faithful in his attendance at the Quarterly meetings.

The second Quarterly Communication was held at Melbourne on 20th June, 1923.

An interesting case was investigated and adjudicated upon. A Master signed and published a circular letter advocating opposition to another candidate holding opposite political views and drawing attention to this candidate's religion as a reason for opposing him. The Board viewed the offence as a very grave one and considered that the Master had acted with reckless carelessness and disregard of duty to his Lodge and to the Craft generally. He was severely admonished and suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges for a given time.

V.W. Bro. Bolton representing Western Australia, was welcomed and incidentally the Pro Grand Master said:

We recognize that we can now speak of Freemasonry in Australia continentally, and can think continentally, and in that wide spacious way we can greet our Brother. We hope that the sister Constitutions of all countries will so manage that there will be a further linking up of the Constitutions.

The third Quarterly Communication was held at Melbourne 19th September, 1923, and the Brethren heard with great pleasure of a meeting in England addressed by the Victoria Grand Master in which he had reported to the home Brethren as follows:

Freemasonry was a great force in Australia, and their activities all helped to weld together society in the districts, where the principles of Masonry were well maintained. Any Brother going from England to Australia would be sure to receive the assistance of all Freemasons, not only in Victoria, but in every part of Australia. Since he landed in Victoria the number of Freemasons had increased from 27,000 to 32,000.

In connection with the recommendation of the Board postponing the rescinding of the resolution relating to Brethren of enemy birth, after a long debate and upon the unanimous report of the Board it was decided that the time had not yet arrived for rescinding.

With regard to an appeal by a Past Master from verdict at his trial, the Pro Grand Master in winding up the debate which is reported in full, said:

Here now we have a Brother waiting twelve months before he makes an appeal to Grand Lodge. It appears to me that the object of making an appeal as speedily as possible is that it should be done while the evidence is fresh in the minds of the various witnesses. In this instance W. Bro. McIntosh has delayed too long—delays are always dangerous, and at times fatal—and I feel that the recommendations of the Grand Registrar, the Book of Constitutions, and the facts and circumstances surrounding the appeal compel me to say that I must rule this appeal out of order.

The first conference of Secretaries of constituent Lodges was held on the 26th September, 1923, and appears to have been a wonderful success. It was largely attended and many speeches of great interest to the Craft generally were introduced and fully discussed, apparently all present taking part. In the address of the Pro Grand Master to the Secretaries he said with other good advice and encouragement:

It has pleased me that a gathering like this should be unitedly responded to, because, after all, we can compare Grand Lodge to a

kind of reservoir that disseminates little flows of water in all directions to finally make a volume of strength, which after a time constitutes a large expanse of water. This water, too, can be so filtered and directed to various parts as to irrigate a large area of Masonic expansiveness and productiveness, and its whole strength adds to efficient administration.

There is what I may call an Empire interaction between Grand Lodge and every subordinate Lodge.

The last Quarterly Communication was held at Melbourne 19th December, 1923, the Grand Master on the Throne, he having returned from England.

In the speech nominating the Grand Master for re-election a splendid tribute is paid to his services and his character in the following words:

His Excellency has those qualities of sweetness and dignity which Marcus Aurelius has said are necessary to a wise administrator, and which are the distinguishing characteristics of a true English gentleman.

It is an honor to ask him to do so, because the urbanity and kindly firmness which have marked his administration during the past two years still endear him to the Brethren as the most conspicuous member of our Fraternity.

A Grand Master's jewel was presented to Pro Grand Master Hickford accompanied by a very eulogistic speech and was feelingly acknowledged by him.

The Grand Secretary introduces the Foreign Correspondence, which is brief, in the following words:

To the Brethren of the particular Jurisdiction under review the publication in our "Proceedings" of a brief Report of their doings can be of but small interest, except as indicating how others see them. But it is a feature which to our own Constitution can become of great value by affording to our Brethren a bird's eye view of the Masonic world: their faith in our Institution will be strengthened and confirmed by the world-wide evidences of effective Masonic effort along the lines of benevolence, education and general helpfulness; and their knowledge of Freemasonry as a vital Institution and of its customs and its laws (mutable and immutable) will be broadened and clarified.

Canada is spoken of in most complimentary terms:

The Grand Master's address, which had evidently been carefully prepared, makes excellent reading. A great variety of subjects is dealt with, some of them more or less of a public character, and the treatment of each displays conspicuous ability and good sense.



The Report of the Board of General Purposes condemns the Grand Lodge that has no interest in the world of Masonry beyond its own territorial jurisdiction.

M.W. The Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master.

R.W. William Stewart, Grand Secretary.

## VIRGINIA

M.W. Bro. James H. Price, Grand Master.

Membership 43,630. Gain 2,439.

The Proceedings of Grand Lodge are introduced by the record of many emergent Communications, the first of which is that of Grand Lodge called together for paying a last tribute of respect to the late M.W. Bro. George W. Wright. We note this almost universal custom in the United States Jurisdictions and feel that Canada might well do the same on each occasion of the death of a ruler and representative of the Craft who has occupied the Grand East. In this case as in many others, we noted the close connection between American Lodges and the Knights Templar, who frequently furnish the "escort".

Many Cornerstones were laid by Grand Lodge and no less than 30 were laid by constituent Lodges and Districts by delegated power from Grand Lodge. The chief and outstanding event of course was the laying of the Cornerstone of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Temple on November 1, 1923, which representatives of the whole world attended. Among the articles deposited in the great stone was a letter of acceptance from the Grand Master of Canada bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge. Further particulars are referred to later in this review.

An emergent Communication was also held as a special compliment to Past Grand Master Kerns, which is thus explained:

This ceremony was arranged in view of the fact that Brother John Blair Kerns was born while his father was presiding in the east as Grand Master, December 2nd, 1902, and was named in honor of Virginia's first Grand Master, John Blair.



The One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Richmond, February 12, 1924. The Grand Master's address is a cornucopia flowing over of good things so that the problem is what not to take rather than what to discriminately select. We must confine ourselves to the following paragraphs:

Men are eager to march beneath our standards, to subscribe to our doctrines, and give us opportunities to shape and determine their lives and destinies. We should never be unmindful of the fact however, that Masonry can never be bolstered up by numbers.

My ambition for every Virginia Mason is that he may not be led astray by the glamour of ostentation or any of the multitudinous influences which weaken the structure, but that he may catch the real vision of Masonry; the vision of service and usefulness; yea, even the vision of the heights beyond. Possessed of a Masonic vision even the suggestion of Virginia's numerical strength Masonically carried with it a thrill almost indescribable. Masonry would mean to this venerable old Commonwealth which we love and serve, an asset of inestimable worth; a powerful bulwark in time of storm, and a mighty potential force against the foes of civic righteousness.

Organized Masonry, or Masonry, as an institution, is not concerned with partisan or creedal differences, and should never permit itself to become involved in policies and programs of the fleeting moment.

The business of the Grand Lodge has enjoyed a lien of first priority on my time and talents, and it has been a joyful service.

How delightful it is to again meet and exchange friendly greetings, after another year has flown, and how reassuring it is to know that we dwell together in unity, and are united in one common object, and pressing forward to one common goal.

There, in the busy round of every day, my brethren, is a transcendent opportunity to win the world to that Masonry of action and spirit which is the very heart-throb of civilization.

We have grown so rapidly in the last few years that many of our younger brethren do not realize that Masonry is an institution with a foundation peculiar to itself, and that a Mason should be a man set apart with high and lofty ideals. He should ring true in all the relationships of life; true to his family; true to the best standards of his business or profession; true to the teachings of the Fraternity in individual thought and action. The ringing call to every Mason is to put the best into his life.

The gospel of the individual Mason as reflected in his individual life is Masonry's greatest asset. Masons should never be unmindful of their individual responsibility, or better still, their individual opportunities.

My work has been directed to intensive efforts to develop our efficiency and co-ordinate our agencies. I have been greatly impressed as Grand Master, with the wonderfully potential forces of our Fraternity; that latent motive power which needs only to be harnessed and properly utilized in Masonic thought and action.

The Grand Master refers most kindly to the visit of Doric Lodge, Toronto, to Alexandria on June 30th and appreciates his having been made an honorary member of Doric.

Of his many visitations he says:

I have spent a great deal of time in mingling with my brethren. The joy of meeting and learning to know the Craft is a rich compensation for the time and effort involved.

Of the Grand Lecturer he thus deliciously observes:

Under his guidance, and emulating his example, I learned to disregard entirely the divisions of time taught us by the twenty-four inch gauge. His idea of a really successful visit is one where in going to bed, you meet yourself getting up.

He ruled both well and strongly giving the following reasons:

Haste is one of the outstanding characteristics of the present day. The objective must be reached by the shortest possible route. All requests for dispensations of this general character, where there was evidence of undue haste, were promptly refused.

There is, I am glad to say, no necessity for any official action of this character by this Grand body, but I do think our Lodges would do well to guard against the spirit of restlessness and haste which not infrequently makes its appearance among the Craft. It is not confined to candidates alone; some of our older and more mature brethren become infected.

With regard to physical perfection he felt himself bound by the constitution but cited an important liberal attitude now generally held:

In each case the candidate was of good reputation, of sufficient natural and intellectual endowment, with an estate, office or trade or some obvious source of honest subsistence, and not likely to become a charge upon the Lodge.

With regard to De Molay and other auxiliary "embellishments" of conservative Masonry he put his attitude very clearly before all who read and heed:

I declined for obvious reasons to lend my official endorsement to the movement. It is a well settled principle that the Grand Lodge of Virginia recognizes Lodges and Grand Lodges only, and this time-honored rule and precedent has worked wisely and well. So many organizations are trying to attach themselves to the ancient Craft that I frequently find myself in great bewilderment. I am not a prophet, and I freely admit my inability to even approximate the ultimate results of these new organizations. I am firmly convinced, however, that the policy of this Grand Lodge is right, and

that any other course would likely have the effect of weakening the efficiency of our organization and of scattering our forces, and I might say, our resources. Our wives and mature daughters are organized; our boys are banded together; the girls of the family circle have not been overlooked; and the only department of home life that has escaped the attention of the present-day organizer in the name of Masonry is the infant department.

He declared a ballot null and void when cast with a motion excusing Brethren from balloting who might not care to exercise that privilege.

Among his decisions we find the following of interest:

Lodges, and not clubs, are recognized by this Grand Body.

The decoration of a brother's grave is not a Masonic occasion. I approved the spirit which prompted the inquiry, but suggested that it be done informally.

That the Master cannot excuse any member of the Lodge from balloting upon the petition of a candidate, and every member of the Lodge present is charged with the duty and responsibility of passing upon the moral qualifications of those who knock for admission into our Fraternity.

Visitors are permitted as a matter of courtesy, and should always be welcome, unless under very unusual and extraordinary circumstances.

As to dues he says truly:

In many cases the dues of the Lodges are not only insufficient to pay definite and fixed obligations of the Lodges, but effectively preclude any constructive work for the betterment of Masonry. Our institution should be dignified in the payment of dues commensurate with the importance of the work in which we are engaged as Masons.

The explanation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts opening its Grand Lodge in Virginia is clearly given and they evidently did everything in order. Permission was graciously accorded and graciously appreciated. Massachusetts wrote:

By your act you have welded another link in the chain of friendship which binds together the two great Commonwealths who stood so firmly side by side in the early days of the Republic—Virginia, the mother of Presidents, and Massachusetts, the scene of Washington's first military successes in winning the independence of our common country.

Of the Masonic Home he cannot speak too highly. In order that our Brethren may catch the spirit we reproduce some of his official comments:

I feel that this Grand body is to be congratulated upon having the services of these earnest, sincere brethren, whose time and talent in the marts of trade or fields of commerce command most remunerative compensation yet are given to Masonry and the Home without the hope of fee or reward.

Some time since, through the thoughtfulness of our Grand Lecturer, I had the privilege of participating in a courtesy to one of our boys who is preparing to become a medical missionary in the foreign field, and his letter of appreciation is so expressive of the spirit, thought and ambitions of these young people that I quote two paragraphs that you too, may have the benefit of it:

"It was a surprise also to know you were checking up on my work here. It will be an added stimulus to know the Masons are watching me and expecting the best. I'll do my best to give you no disappointment."

"Let me say to you and to all Masons of Virginia that the debt of gratitude and appreciation that I owe to the Masonic Home of Virginia grows daily, and is now far greater than I shall ever be able to repay, were I to fall heir to Rockefeller's millions. Next to being a medical missionary, I want to be a Mason. The first I have already begun; the second I hope to start being soon."

Who knows but that this young man may become a Paton, a Livingstone, or follow in the wake of some other eminent worker in the service of the Living God? Would not this single accomplishment justify the existence of the Home, and richly compensate us for all our endeavors? The influence of a human life is immeasured and immeasurable, and I would remind you, my brethren, that we have in these children entrusted to our care magnificent opportunities for service.

I might add that we are fortunate in having the active services of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, both of whom are Richmond Masons, and who attend all of our Board meetings.

His suggestion to subordinate Lodges are very practical and appealing and we pass them on for the benefit of our own Lodges:

Someone has very aptly expressed the thought in these words: "Make a and keep your Lodge rooms and precincts worthy of the 'House Beautiful.' Ventilate well both ideas and atmosphere."

In the present day, when sectional book-cases are so easily obtainable, each Lodge should have at least the nucleus of a library.

Some of our Lodges, particularly in the cities, have grown large and unwieldy. The personal touch with the membership is lost, and opportunities for good fellowship greatly lessened. It is not my purpose to suggest any standard, but my mind harks back to the "good old days" when you and I knew personally every member of the Lodge; when his sorrows were ours, and when our hearts and tongues joined in promoting each other's welfare and rejoiced in each other's prosperity.



Some of our officers represent commercial enterprises which deal with Masons only. I am convinced that this is a bad practice, though it may be good business from the commercial view point. It is a most difficult thing "to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," and to Masonry the service and loyalty that is properly the right of the Fraternity.

The Master's duties include more than conferring Degrees, and he should not confine himself exclusively to his sacred precincts in the east.

His conclusion is a benediction:

I am grateful for this exalted opportunity for service which you have afforded me—a joyous service blessed with a comradeship whose fragrance shall grow sweeter and sweeter with the passing years. My heart is filled with affection for each of you, and my parting word, as I take my official leave, is the thought so beautifully expressed in that ancient benediction:

The Lord bless and keep thee.

The Lord cause his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

The Grand Master's account of the Cornerstone laying of the Washington Memorial is complete in every detail and has been much quoted in other Jurisdictions.

Virginia is divided into 56 Districts and each D.D. G.M. gives a concentrated report.

Silver services and cases of table silver were presented both to the retiring and to the incoming Grand Master. Generous Virginia! It was well deserved.

The Correspondence Report is by the veteran, M.W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston who is also Grand Treasurer.

With regard to incorporation our colleague has this to say under Alberta and for his information I may say that no Lodges in our Jurisdiction are incorporated. Incorporation is to be discouraged in every way possible, and where permitted in the case of building Temples, it is always made a provision and term in the charter that the stock shall be held only by Masons. We append our Brother's comment:

Canadian law probably differs from that of Virginia and other States in that the incorporation of Lodges is advisable. The Grand Master urged it. We, under our conditions, find it safest and best to forbid it, because we can have the title to property held by trus-

tees appointed by court without becoming, in any sense, subordinate to the civil authorities. If we incorporated, it would be possible for some expelled Mason to hail us before the law and expose all the proceedings and perhaps demand restoration, or, in the extreme, to claim a share in the incorporated property. We write this in no sense as even a suggestion to Alberta, but as an explanation to our own Masons who may never have thought about the subject.

Alberta receives more attention than any other Jurisdiction largely because of the address of Past Grand Master Thornton which as he says, is too good to lose and of which the opening sentences are here transcribed :

I do not know of anything to which our Craft and its ceremonies may be more readily compared than to the story of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," which sets forth in allegory the journey of Christian from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Very much along that line is our modern speculative Freemasonry. The Lodge room typifies the world. The three Degrees typify the stages of youth, manhood and old age. The applicant for admission enters the Lodge room seeking for something. The something which he is seeking for is the knowledge of Divine Truth. He seeks for that knowledge under different figures. In the First Degree, under the symbolism of Light, he seeks and finds God as the Author of Life and Light. In the Second Degree he toils up the winding stairs of Knowledge and again he finds the Deity, the source of all knowledge and power. In the Third Degree, he goes down into the valley of the shadow of death still seeking to know the Divine.

Under British Columbia we find the following nuggets of inspiration and information.

To our brethren south of the line and round the seven seas I would convey the greetings of this Grand Lodge; and, asking them "What of the night?" methinks I hear the reply ring round the world: "All is well;" "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world."

The Lodges which united to form the Grand Lodge of Virginia with the exception of one, possibly two, got their original charters from Scotland, and Virginia Masonry sided with the Ancients who were believed, as is evident from the regulation passed in 1798, to revert to the ancient customs of the Masons who held their annual assembly at York prior to 1717.

Under Canada our good friend gently quizzes this reviewer in the character of P.G.M. and teaches him some wholesome truths with regard to concentration and abbreviation. However with all the criticism he appears to have liked our address as he has copied two solid pages in small type and to a much greater extent than any of the other reviewers.

Just how to characterize the Grand Master's Address is puzzling. Some would acknowledge it unusual eloquence, but call it verbose

for it is a multitude of words, filled with quotations in prose and poetry from countless sources. It bristles with scholarship and if many of its periods could be condensed we would find no difficulty in selecting suitable adjectives. We have read it all carefully and made our selections.

We appreciate this substantial compliment and bow gracefully in acknowledgment of the justness of his criticism. We have we hope, learned to do better since 1923. Our colleague adds these words which I hope will be read by every Canadian Mason:

Personally we are opposed to letting down the bars on physical disabilities, as to profanes, but if there are any in whose favor it should be done commend to us those heroic Canadian soldiers. The history of wars points to no more beautiful conduct than theirs, and this is written by a soldier of the Confederate army.

The above are inadequate to give an idea of this able and interesting address, but is the best we can do unless we quote it in full. The Grand Master had not only been as active as a Grand Master can be in his own Jurisdiction, but had visited many others and charmed them all with his eloquence as we had long ago learned from various volumes.

In addition to Lord Ampthill, they had as visitors the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and several others.

As an appendix to the volume there was a report of the evening meeting which resembled the Grand Feast of Massachusetts. There were many speeches interspersed with songs and we can imagine the inspiration they had that would be denied us were we to attempt such festivities now.

Under England the reviewer reports the action of the Board of General Purposes as follows and comments thus:

Lodges are being asked to allow a visiting brother to address the brethren in support of a charitable effort having no direct connection with Masonry. The Board considers that permission to speak either in Lodge or later to the assembled brethren upon a non-Masonic subject ought not to be given, as the practice might easily extend in undesirable directions.

The above was sensible, but we note that the Grand Lodge generously donated two thousand guineas to the relief of Japan.

This lesson also comes home to us all:

We might learn something to our advantage from the words of the Grand Master on the subject of hasty efforts to establish new Lodges, as follows:

"It is clearly to be understood that Lodges are established not to do honor to individual brethren or to secure them higher Masonic

rank, but to promote the principles of Freemasonry and the general good of the Craft. Those wishing to found a Lodge should be prepared to establish the necessity for its existence, and the assurance of its permanence. Rapidly growing localities or greatly increasing Lodges may call for Masonic recognition in this form; but temporary gatherings of individuals, transient collective interests, social clubs, sections of associations, or mere personal friendships do not furnish a sufficient cause."

Ireland in its fecundity produces these comments:

It should not be lost sight of that Ireland is the second oldest Grand Lodge in the world.

Their headquarters were sacked and much destroyed, but the Deputy Grand Master had taken the precaution to remove to safety their ancient records and priceless souvenirs. Both of our distinguished guests above mentioned tried to explain how they manage to get along at all with their enemies but it remains a puzzle.

We are glad to think along the same lines as our colleague in regard to New Zealand. He reproduces as we have reproduced, much of their wonderful ceremonials at the installation of Lord Jellicoe of Scapa as Grand Master.

Texas gives him opportunity for this reminiscent lesson:

Many years ago the writer found a candidate for the Legislature at a Lodge meeting soliciting votes in the ante room. The act was publically condemned and the brethren begged to vote against him for that reason alone and he was defeated. This should always be done but it should be in addition to his being Masonically disciplined for un-Masonic conduct.

And from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico at the end of his review he finds much material of interest. Among the rest the following:

It is always a satisfaction to take up the volume, largely because of the name. Virginia has always been Ancient York in name and in practice. As far back as 1798 the Grand Lodge, in declaring all Masons not working according to Ancient York usage to be clandestine, affixed the penalty of expulsion on any Mason visiting any Lodge not so working. This law remained in force until the union in England in 1813.

Taking Virginia as a typical State so far as Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions are concerned, I have made an analysis of those present and absent and find that out of a total of 61 there were 30 present and 31 either absent or not accounted for, while there are seven Jurisdictions who have no Grand Representatives.



This reviewer thinks that the average of attendance should be more favourable everywhere and that a revision of the lists would be advisable. Virginia is not exceptional.

Charles H. Callahan, Alexandria, Grand Master.

Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

## WASHINGTON

M.W. Brother Tom W. Holman, Grand Master.

Membership 42,807. Net gain 2,231.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication convened in the City of Bellingham, 10th June, 1924.

No less than 17 Past Grand Masters occupied honoured seats in the Grand East.

Canada's representative, Bro. Walter F. Meier was present.

From the address of welcome by W. Bro. Craven we cannot resist taking a few gems of speech:

Coming now before you as an honored herald, I am painfully conscious of the poverty of words with which to clothe my message. For though words of greeting from host to guest be prompted by complete sincerity, they are but the dull ashy glow of deeper emotions which no verbal expression can impart. Hence any formal welcome will be at the best largely symbolical and ceremonial. Mine the part simply to sound the welcoming bugle notes at the gates, a call older than the days when knighthood first rode afield on its unending mission. It is for you to enter in and interpret for yourselves the spirit and quality of our hospitality.

In the larger concept of this occasion, the state of Washington is here, and, nurtured as we are by the same precepts and principles, and measured by the same gauge of character and manhood, there are no strangers here. This magnificent spectacle here this morning is but the foreground of a picture even grander and more impressive. In its deeper perspective are the forty-seven thousand Master Masons of this jurisdiction—their homes and employment—their endeavors and hopes.

To say that you are welcome, and the more welcome by reason of these thronging associations which you bring with you, or that we are glad to see you, is like an old coin, so smooth by usage as to be of doubtful value. To announce that our committees are earnestly endeavoring to arrange for your comfort so as to furnish some thing more than sky and scenery, is but the fond allurements of hope.

But to assure you, as I do now, in behalf of your brethren in these north-west counties, that we love you truly, and will gladly share with you whatever we have—that begins to amount to something; it is a declaration of fraternal affection and a prospectus which it is for you to verify. Whenever you want anything, please ring the bell.

The Grand Master responded as follows:

The failure of our brother to find and present the key to your city will not alarm these brethren who are so persistently in search of the key that shall unlock the greater mysteries of life. Many times are we able to fathom some hitherto unknown when we have thought ourselves to be without the key to it. So, in like manner, we are in need of no visible key to enter into the warmth and cordiality of the hearts of the brethren of Bellingham.

Grand honours were accorded to all Past Grand Officers at the altar.

Eleven corner-stones were laid during the year. This is both public and Craft service.

We regret that the Grand Master does not recommend modifying and ameliorating the rigid regulations regarding physical perfection. We trust that the Brethren of Washington will soon recognize that theirs (and ours) is a Temple not made with hands.

Among his decisions the following are of interest:

On January 30th, 1924, I advised Toppenish Lodge, No. 178, that it is not proper for the Secretary of a Masonic Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction to certify to a non-Masonic organization (Order of Eastern Star) the fact of expulsion of a brother from the privileges of Masonry, even though such brother's membership in such non-Masonic organization depends upon his good standing as a Master Mason; that it is improper for the Secretary to give out such information in any manner except as required by due process of law for use in court (Section 321 of the Code); and that a Master Mason's credentials as issued to him by his Lodge speak for themselves, but that beyond that as properly given nothing should be issued. Subsequently, upon this same case I ruled that the Secretary was likewise precluded from certifying the fact of expulsion either to the so-called Scottish Rite bodies or York Rite bodies. It was then, and is now, my position that no other organization, which has as a requirement for its membership that a man be a Master Mason, has any right to any information of any kind respecting any proceedings, business or affairs of a Master Mason's Lodge.

Official communication from a Justice of the Peace of another jurisdiction showing conviction of the same brother of the crime of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, justify a charge of un-masonic conduct being preferred, and that the brother in question should be charged and be placed upon trial, which I ordered the Master to cause to be done.

Frequent interchanges occur between the Grand Lodge of Washington and Vancouver, the Brethren being on the very best of visiting terms.

The Grand Master visited 104 constituent Lodges, a good record. He makes twelve pages of recommendations to Grand Lodge and has this to say on:

#### PROSELYTING ON MASONRY

During the year it has been brought to my attention twice that some so-called businesses were advertising "For Masons Only." While there is nothing that can be done legally to stop this practice, so far as I can learn, yet I do condemn it as base proselyting on our membership. Let me, therefore, urge each of the brothers to remember that Masonry is in no sense a business-connecting link or a channel for business advantages, and to realize that a "pin-Mason" solicitor, or a brother advertising his Masonic connections, or one holding out inducements "to Masons only," does not come within the pale of Masonic respectability or dependability, and should be shunned by all of us.

I, therefore, recommend that the matter be referred to a proper committee with instructions to make provisions, so far as possible, to protect the brethren against such unscrupulous methods.

He and the Grand Secretary differed upon their authority to pay \$78,000 for a new site selected by the Committee for the Orphans' School, etc., and the matter stood over for decision by Grand Lodge which finally sustained the Grand Master.

When in the East the assistant Grand Secretary gathered data about the Masonic Homes of the United States and the Grand Master further says:

I have received the most courteous attentions and assistance from the Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and Superintendents of Masonic Homes of other Grand Jurisdictions wherever I have applied for assistance or information.

Wherever we may be, whatever our lot, we are Master Masons in the eyes of those about us, which fact in the thoughts of all stands for something really worth while. Therefore, for our future, each of us is working for every other one, and all of us are pledged to uphold and increase the value of citizenship for the home, neighbor, city and state. Our job is a man's job, but we should be well trained and fit, so let us pull together in this common aim.

Under the application of the Argentine and of Spain for recognition by Grand Lodge the Committee on Correspondence report:

An application from the Grand Lodge of the Northeast of Spain proclaims it to be established "always under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the 33d and last degree for Spain," which, of course, precludes its consideration as an independent Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge is also a Scottish Rite body, its title being Argentine Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons. It would naturally, therefore, fall in the class of several others in this report and be ineligible for recognition.

The Committee on Research and Education presents an admirable report concluding with the following sentence:

Our small part in this matter has been to draw upon your experience, upon theirs, upon ours, and out of it all to sketch the design of a corner-stone upon which, if the Grand Lodge approves, those who shall follow us upon the Committee may rest a sound Masonic Educational policy, designed in the interest of the Craft, and ever aiming to furnish further light in Masonry.

W. Bro. Hart, Governor of the State of Washington, was conducted to the East, where he spoke eloquently and touchingly of the late Bro. Harding, President of the United States.

Cascade Lodge of British Columbia exemplified the Third Degree in full Canadian form. The Grand Master of British Columbia and escort were welcomed.

From the reception to Grand Representatives we take these welcoming paragraphs:

We recognize that there can be essentially no national boundaries, nor any limitations, upon the expansion of Truth. And Masonry is Truth, and, therefore, while you represent the foreign jurisdictions, you are, in fact, all within our bosom and in our hearts and one of us, and, indeed, we welcome you. Join with us, my brethren, in giving these brothers the public Grand Honours.

Grand Orator Baldrey delivered an eloquent oration. We must content ourselves with a few paragraphs:

For centuries we know little of the progress of Masonry, but we find references to it, and visible evidences of it, at infrequent intervals down to the thirteenth or fourteenth centuries, when it is spoken of as an ancient order. To me the strongest evidence that this order is the direct lineal descendant of the Dionysian rite is the fact that it existed in the form we find it, during the middle ages.

"They blazed their way from the Eastland gray  
By mountain and sea bestarred,  
And we, as the sons of our fathers,  
We, too, have the Three to guard.



We are the sons of our fathers—  
Passionate, free, and bold;  
Bred of the storm of battle,  
Cast in their mighty mold;  
Proud of their ancient glory,  
Strong with their ancient might,  
Reared with their world-winning story  
Sung in our ears at night,  
And we as the sons of our fathers,  
Must live by the ancient light."

Master Masons who had sons present also members of Grand Lodge, to the number of five, responded and Grand Lodge tendered them Grand Honours.

A case came before the Committee on Grievance and Appeals of more than usual interest. A Past Master who had been secretary of a Lodge, was defaulter to the Lodge in a large sum. A two-thirds vote could not be obtained to fix the punishment in the Lodge and the Committee report that the result was to leave the accused a Brother in good standing and of good repute before the world. The Committee do not agree and recommend:

Now, what is to be done if we do betray our trust and disgrace this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity? We find the answer in our own definition of Justice. "Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due without distinction." This means that no man, and more especially a Brother Mason, should be placed above the moral law. Justice, meted out by punishment, is consistent with the new as well as the old dispensation, and is essential to the perpetuity and good fame of our fraternity.

We believe that the justice of the case at hand demands that there should be a punishment, and we, therefore, recommend that William M. Porter be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Free Masonry for an indefinite term.

Washington is represented by the veteran Brother W. C. Wilkinson of Toronto.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster for the Committee on Correspondence returns to the plan of individual reviews, over 80% of Grand Lodge favouring this plan.

Canada is well reviewed. We extract a few of the comments by our colleague:

The Grand Master evidently does not believe in any but officers participating in the work. While we do not agree with him in that particular reason, we do agree with him in his opposition to "special

groups" getting up teams to put on the work. It is done for "group advertisement" and is out of place. This does not, however, apply to a group of a man's particular friends conferring the degrees upon him, there is a reason for that.

Past Grand Rank was conferred on the various distinguished guests upon whom it had not already been done. M.W. Bro. Lord Amphthill, in his remarks, spoke some words which applied not only to the circumstances of the time, but which apply to various relations which include ourselves.

The reports of the District Deputies were very interesting. They take their positions seriously and make illuminating reports as to the condition of the Craft.

New York gives interesting matter to all our colleagues:

The five Sea and Field Lodges which were instituted among the American forces during the war are now joined in one. Seven hundred and six dimitts have been taken from these Lodges, leaving still upon the rolls 360 Master Masons and three Fellowcrafts.

The Correspondence Report of which Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer is the able chairman pays deserved compliment to our Grand Secretary when he says the "volume of Proceedings is one of the neatest and best organized of the whole list."

Under Utah we find:

The decision as to the standing of other fraternal organizations was put up to the membership by the adoption of the following as one of the statements to be made by petitioners: "List on the reverse side of this petition in space provided, the fraternal and religious organization with which you are affiliated."

If there is any Masonic authority in any state fit to make a study of other institutions and give a fair rating of them in their relation to Masonry, it is the Grand Lodge. If there is any institution membership in which, per se, renders a man unfit to be a Mason, we believe that Grand Lodge is the one and only body to say so, and that it should say so for the benefit of its Lodges. In these days of extreme partisanship we many times fail to base our opposition to certain institutions upon the grounds of knowledge, and our prejudices should not be waved in our faces to influence our vote upon a candidate's petition.

And from Bro. McAllaster's fine conclusion we take the following remarks of import:

The outstanding feature of the various Grand Lodges, not only in our own country, but also in foreign countries, is the desire for education.

First, as is natural, comes Masonic Education. Great research is being made into early Masonic history. Many Grand Lodges are co-operating with the Masonic Service Association.

General education is not being neglected. Grand Lodges, one after another, are developing their Masonic Home Schools, establishing scholarship and educational loan funds, erecting buildings at educational institutions, and in a multitude of ways throwing the influence of the Craft behind the work of secular education. Great stress is properly being laid upon loyalty and its teaching.

Few if any Grand Lodges longer hold absolutely to the law of physical perfection.

The care of the dependent and the orphan is growing larger and larger year by year. Nearly every jurisdiction that has a Home is presented with annual calls for enlargement, and those which have relief funds only are needing greater and greater appropriations. The wise ones, it seems to the writer, are those who build up their endowments and increase their work proportionately, thus making for perpetuity without undue burden.

The tendency to make us a political organization seems to be abating, and the pendulum is swinging back to conservative Masonry; not stagnant and do-nothing Masonry, but a Masonry that inculcates principles which in practice build up the people. So mote it be.

M.W. Bro. Robt. C. McCroskey, Garfield, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Horace W. Tyler, Taccoma, Grand Secretary.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M.W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

Membership 6,493. Net gain 483.

The picture of the venerable Prelate and Grand Master which precedes and adorns the volume, is like a portrait from an old gallery.

The Quarterly Communication was held 23rd August 1923, in the Masonic Hall at Boulder.

The Scottish District Grand Master was welcomed and saluted in due form.

The Grand Master thus expresses himself with regard to the secrecy of the ballot so much discussed in the United Grand Lodge of England, and touches on other subjects of interest:

In former days a prisoner could not give evidence on his own behalf, but we have now abolished all that and introduced a more sensible rule. Let us, if necessary, do the same in Masonry. I think the only circumstances under which a Freemason is permitted to disclose how he voted in a secret ballot is in a judicial enquiry by Grand Lodge, or one of its delegated authorities. Under any circumstance, our own Grand Lodge has already held that it is highly improper for any brother to explain either directly or indirectly how he has voted. In conclusion, I would strongly advise every Master to follow the almost universal custom of exhibiting the ballot-box to the I.P.M. before announcing the result.

The next Quarterly Meeting was held at Perth 22nd November, 1923. Among many other matters the Grand Master speaks of the Freemasons' Club as follows:

I think the fact that the Freemasons' Club has celebrated its jubilee is worthy of a place in the annals of Grand Lodge. The only other Lodge in Western Australia at that time was the Freemantle Lodge, which had just been formed. For the last quarter of a century the Club has acted as "host" for the general body of Freemasons in Western Australia, having, during that period extended the privileges of Honorary Membership to approximately 7,000 brethren from other parts of the world, and from the far distant parts of our own vast State.

A notable character, W. Bro. W. Mackey, Past Grand Steward, familiarly known as the "Skipper" had met with a tragic end and the Grand Master thus refers to him:

A kindly genial soul was the old "Skipper," who was hospitality itself, and who will be remembered as one who was charitable above all things, a hater of shams, and an earnest worker for the uplift of the Craft.

The Third Quarterly Communication was held at Bunbury, 26th February, 1924, the Grand Master again on the throne, and from his address we take the following extract:

The young men who are knocking at the doors of Freemasonry in their thousands have conceived a high opinion of our ancient Craft and are desirous of learning as much about it as possible. It is, therefore, the duty of the elder brethren and the officers of the Lodge to shoulder the responsibility of teaching them what true Freemasonry means, and what it stands for. If they perform this duty faithfully there is no fear that this 50 per cent. of youth so recently added to our members will form a true foundation on which to erect the Masonic edifice of the future. Clean living, straight dealing, kindness in trouble—these are the simple attributes of our old Freemasonry.



He believes in "fencing the tables" to use the old Scottish phrase, and says:

It has been reported to the Board of General Purposes that on several recent occasions non-Masons have been present at the Festive Boards of Lodges for the purpose of contributing to the harmony of the evening. The Board is of the opinion that this practice is highly improper, and should be discontinued. Masters of Lodges are, therefore, advised that the presence of non-Masons at the Festive Board, after the Toast List has been commenced, is prohibited.

It has long been the proud boast of Freemasonry that it has no politics, and that it does not interfere with the political convictions of any of its members. On the contrary, it brings together men who very often are kept apart by religion and politics. In the words of the Antient Charge:

Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

With regard to initiation by the Lewis Rite he says:

There was an inclination on the part of some Masters to assume that a dispensation would be granted as a matter of course. I expressly stated that it was only in exceptional cases that lads of 18 years of age were fit and proper persons to be admitted to the Craft, and that I intended, as far as possible, without injury to any one, to strictly limit the issue of dispensations for under-age candidates in the future.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth 22nd May, 1924, the Grand Master on the throne.

In connection with the Widows' and Orphans' fund and an increased grant the mover, W. Bro. Berry, said:

As long as Freemasonry rests on the foundations of brotherly love, relief and truth, there will never be lack of funds to relieve the widow, the orphan, and the distressed.

That it be a recommendation from this Grand Lodge to the Board of Management of the West Australian Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund that they consider the allocations made in connection with this Fund, with a view of increasing the same.

I trust that Grand Lodge will carry this unanimously, to strengthen the hands of the Board of Management, that they may take as their motto, to ring out in our Craft—Excelsior! and that they should strive to do as their predecessors have done and so we shall prove to the world we practice that virtue which we have professed to admire.

This was approved by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings was most interesting and reviewed the whole situation.

The representative of Canada is V.W. Bro. H. B. Collett. The representative of Western Australia with us is R.W. Bro. W. J. Mooney.

Canada is most gracefully reviewed by R.W. Bro. F. A. McMullen who signs many of the reports. He is pleased to say:

The Grand Master's Address occupies over 30 pages of the Volume of Proceedings, and every page has something good in it.

Having spoken with some feeling concerning eminent Members of the Craft who had crossed the Valley of the Dark Shadow, he urges his Brethren to the cultivation of true friendship:

He administers—in a delicious way—a mild reproof to certain Brethren who can be identified in this quotation:

"Brethren, do we demonstratively appreciate as we ought the talented services, the generous gifts which the singers, the instrumentalists, and the entertainers of the Craft so delightfully share with us? The choruses, choirs, and orchestras, as individuals and collectively are entitled to unstinted praise, to enthusiastic and practical support (short of encores). Let me again while still in office reiterate and emphasise that both chivalry and courtesy and gentlemanly self-respect demand that the tribute and consideration of concentrated and quiet attention should be given to those who sing or play for us. How can exquisite lyrics, ballads or fugues be interpreted and rendered while unappreciated cigars are being distributed or belated ice cream being served or banter and repartee in groups is being indulged in?"

He speaks with appreciation of R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown and of R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. R. C. Blgrave and eulogises their reviews. He summarizes in a manly way all the matters of current practical interest covered by our address and of course refers with all honour to M.W. Bro. Pro-Grand Master Lord Ampthill.

Indiana gives him the following:

On November 10th, 1922, I issued a General Letter to the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, calling their attention to the necessity of impressing upon the minds of our members the importance of bridling their tongues and keeping the business of the Lodge more secret.

From the letter issued by the Grand Master we quote:

"In one case a gentleman was rejected and learned of it first through a business competitor, WHO WAS NOT A FREEMASON.

"A brother was charged, tried and expelled. Before some of the brothers left the building, they called THEIR WIVES by 'phone and told them the result of the trial."

New Jersey is reviewed by Bro. C. Battye who says:

It is when we turn to the charities of this Grand Lodge that our heart goes out in praise to their many and manifold avenues, and the ramifications during the past year show a splendid treasury of results.

In the presentation address accompanying the Birthday gift from the Lodges to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, (all the Worshipful Masters to be "up-standing") the address said among many other tributes:

You have presided over us eighteen years, and to-night have been installed for the nineteenth time. During the period of your reign the Craft has prospered exceedingly, and every brother feels deeply indebted to you for your wise guidance and noble example.

From the Grand Master's reply we take the following:

It is a great privilege to have kept the confidence of the brethren all these years. The difficulty is, of course, that it is almost impossible for any man under these circumstances to express what he really thinks. I remember once I had a long argument with Dame Melba. I said that if anybody really felt "Home Sweet Home" they could not sing it, but if they do feel it they should not sing it. (Laughter). Dame Melba did not agree with me. But you can understand what I mean, that it is very difficult, when returning thanks for kind things done for years, to say what you really feel."

We greet our kin under the Southern Cross.

M.W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D.,  
Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson, Perth, Grand Secretary.

## WEST VIRGINIA

M.W. Fred C. Steinbicker, Grand Master.

Membership 32,224. Gain 1,206.

M.W. Bro. Dutton, the new Grand Master, joins the ranks of the young virile rulers of the Craft of forty years and thereabouts who are rapidly coming to the front in the United States Jurisdictions.

Special Communications were held (note the phraseology) for the purpose of forming and setting to work the various Lodges—an operative touch.

The great feature of West Virginia functions during the year appears to have been the laying of Cornerstones, meeting after meeting of Grand Lodge having been held in various parts of the State in connection with churches, public buildings, schools and Masonic Temples and we commend this purposeful activity as showing how Grand Lodge is honoured and appreciated and how the dignity of the rhythmic ritual and symbolism appeals to the public of West Virginia.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication was held at the City of Bluefield 12th November, 1924. Fourteen Past Grand Masters supported the pillars of the Temple.

Canada was represented by W. Bro. George W. McClintic.

The Grand Master's annual address was business-like and direct. In his introduction he says:

These Annual Communications renew and strengthen friendships already formed and make new ties of appreciation that will develop into strong Masonic Friendship with the coming years.

Among his decisions we find the following:

That a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in a Lodge, although he has lost his right hand since he was suspended.

Anyone minus his left hand cannot petition for Masonry.

That the Order of Eastern Star has no place in a Masonic funeral procession.

The Lodge that confers one or two degrees upon a candidate, who then permits more than one year to pass without qualifying for advancement, does not lose jurisdiction over him by any period of residence elsewhere. Jurisdiction in such cases is held to be perpetual.

I received an inquiry inquiring if it were possible for Feramorz Grotto of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm to meet in the Blue Lodge Room in the City of Huntington.

In reply I called attention to the decision of the Grand Master for the year of 1922, wherein he made a ruling against permitting this organization to meet in a Blue Lodge Room and that this decision had been concurred in by the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication, having been approved of in the Grand Master's Official Acts, and therefore,



Held: that this order could not be permitted to meet in the Blue Lodge Room at Huntington.

The Stewards and Pastor of the Southern Methodist Church having asked Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone of their new Church on Sunday, the Grand Master declined. Masons are Sabbath observers in Western Virginia.

Having been requested to allow the De Molay Boys to meet in the Blue Lodge-room the Grand Master very properly gave this ruling:

After a thorough investigation of all the circumstances in connection with the Order of De Molay, I concluded that since there are at the present time at least eight or ten new organizations that are claiming some sort of Masonic relationship or connection with some of its appendant orders, or in some manner under the protection or sponsorship of the appendant orders of Masonry, and realizing that Freemasonry must finally accept the responsibility for all of these many newly created organizations, that I am persuaded that I would not be acting for the best interests of Masonry would I give my consent to any of these organizations to meet in the Lodge Rooms of our Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction and must therefore conclude that the order of De Molay Boys cannot meet in your Blue Lodge Room.

I further desire to say that I think it very unwise for any of our members to organize any new branches of these so-called Masonic organizations (no matter how worthy they may be), until they have secured the consent of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in regular Annual Communication.

He encourages all Lodges to raise their annual fees to not less than \$6.00 per year as a minimum.

He notes the completion of the new Masonic Home both for children and adults and already it is nearly filled.

The Grand Lecturer gives an able report, parts of which we share with our Brethren:

These brethren have, I believe, lived up to the highest traditions of the important office they hold. In the language of the Ritual they have communicated light and information to the uninformed; they have preserved our Ritual and our traditions in the memory of the Fraternity; they have seen that the Ancient Landmarks of the order are not removed by unskilled hands; and by their instruction to the Subordinate Lodges they have illustrated the genius and vindicated the principles of our institution.

The method of teaching by catechism is older than our present civilization, a heritage, if you please, from the best of the old Greek

methods, for it was the bold young Plato who was a disciple of Socrates in the fifth century before the Christian era, that immortalized the methods of his master in a series of philosophical dialogues and founded the philosophical school of the Academy which lasted 900 years.

And to this means of instruction, by dialogue or catechism, which has the approval of centuries of success to its credit, our institution has added the method of a later school of successful instructors—the explanatory lecture.

Grand Lodge adjourned in order to lay the cornerstone of the splendid new Municipal Building then in course of construction in Bluefield and the ceremony was conducted with dignity.

The memorial pages to Brethren who have answered “adsum” in the Grand Lodge above are many and are preceded by this graceful title page:

IN MEMORIAM

of

ALL MASONS

Good Men and True

who died

ON LAND AND SEA

since

This Memorial Page was Printed

One Year Ago.

In 1924 West Virginia was represented in Canada by the late M.W. Bro. Harding who has since died.

Statistics and membership by name, that is, complete nominal rolls of all the daughter Lodges, are given in full covering many pages.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the veteran hands of M.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, who makes his thirty-fourth annual report. In his foreword he recapitulates the seven great Landmarks as the essential requirements of the Craft, beginning with the first, namely the belief in the great Creator “Being without beginning of days or end of Life.”

It is a useful summary and it does one good to have one's memory jogged regarding these great fundamental principles. In his foreword also he quotes the following counterpart of the familiar poem:

So, I say, let me walk with the crowd in the road,  
Let me seek out the burdens that crush,  
Let me speak a kind word of good cheer to the weak  
Who are falling behind in the rush.  
There are wounds to be healed, there are breaks we must mend.  
And there's a cup of cold water to give;  
And the man in the road by the side of his friend  
Is the man who has learned to live.

Out there in the road, that goes by the house  
Where the poet is singing his song,  
I'll walk and I'll work midst the heat of the day,  
And I'll help falling brothers along—  
Too busy to live in the house by the way,  
Too happy for such an abode.  
And my heart sings its praise to the Master of all,  
Who is helping me serve in the road.

Of Canada he speaks thus kindly and appreciatively:

This is one of the great Masonic Grand Lodges on the American Continent. In every respect it is up to date in all of its departments, and in many things I have found it a model Masonic Institution worthy to imitate.

A number of distinguished visitors, members of other Grand Lodges, were courteously received and seated.

The annual address of the M.W. Grand Master gives a concise history of Masonic conditions in the Province of Ontario.

Of the Fraternal Correspondence of 1923 he pays a due meed of praise to R.W. Bro. Blagrave:

The work has been sub-divided, so that this year's Report will reflect the mintage of several minds—the alembic of several interpreters, but the burden of the work has fallen upon W. Bro. R. C. Blagrave, D.D., of Peterboro, who cheerfully volunteered his services and the nuggets of ore he has extracted from the proceedings of other Jurisdictions reflect credit alike upon the producers of the material substance, and the skilled hand that has discriminatingly epitomised them.

Of other topics referred to in the Grand Master's address and report he speaks and comments with interest:

Here is still another: more care is being taken to preserve the sanctity of the ballot, and balloting at the altar is again becoming general. The abuse of the ballot is the great breeder of discord—dis-

cord should be impossible. Thank God there is little of it. Be firm and resolute with the offender by whom the offence cometh. Make him feel personally. His punishment will be greater than he can bear.

To say the least, the annual address of M.W. Brother Ponton is a most valuable contribution to the Masonic history of Ontario, and therefore is worthy of great praise.

Under D.D.G.M.'s he says:

One of the essential characteristics of the Masonic system is its exclusiveness. But this feature loses its value and defeats its purpose if it does not succeed in securing and maintaining a closer union in fellowship and friendship than is possible under the open door policy so frequently advocated by superficial students of our organization. The ties of brotherhood are mere catchwords of the unthinking multitude if they do not mean the warmer handclasp, the sympathetic consideration, the helpful support, the maturer friendship, the fraternal relationship that should exist between men bound together by a common purpose and an affinity of interests.

A Grand Master after receiving such reports as these from his District Deputies, cannot fail to be thoroughly informed of the conditions of all his constituent lodges.

He appreciated the review of West Virginia by "W.J.D." now our Grand Master.

He comments thus on English Freemasonry:

My esteemed brother is correct when he says I am a stickler for English Symbolic Masonry, because it teaches the sort of Freemasonry that I have been educated to believe in and it never flies off at tangents and hooks on to new ideas and isms.

He devotes a large part of his closing remarks to Masonic Homes of his own and the various other States, congratulating Montana upon having their Home now free of debt and in first class condition but not resting on their laurels. He says with regard to Nova Scotia:

We are apt to think of Nova Scotia as a cold country, but the brethren there have warm hearts, and the Home in which they care for fourteen inmates, all of great age, seems to be exceedingly well managed.

And of Masonic relief in general he speaks thus with a word of well deserved eulogy for Alberta:

Masonic Homes are not by any means the only fruit of Masonic charity, but as it is the one that can least be hidden it is the one about which most is known. Very large sums are spent by the Craft each year in relief and benevolence, but it is only a portion of the cases relieved of which any record is published. How many individuals or institutions give one-third of their incomes in charity? The Grand Lodge of Alberta does it and doesn't boast about it either.



This venerable member of the Craft has the spirit to carry on and he thus bids *au revoir* to his colleagues:

I had made up my mind to resign the position of Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, on account of age and bodily infirmities, but upon consultation with several Past Grand Masters and other friends, I have decided to try another year, which if I live through it, will round out thirty-five years of service in this capacity—three years longer than any other writer of these Reports has ever served.

M.W. Clyde T. Dutton, Parkersburg, Grand Master.

M.W. John M. Collins, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

## WISCONSIN

M.W. Brother Charles F. Lamb, Grand Master.

Membership 52,364. Net gain 2,816.

The Eightieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in Scottish Rite Cathedral in Milwaukee, June 10th, 1924. Deputy Grand Master Webb through illness was obliged to resign his position, which was regretfully accepted. The Grand Master of Illinois was received with grand honours.

A Soldiers' Memorial was dedicated and the following poem of Brother Whelan appears on the tablet:

To you who fought for us, and died for us,  
In loving memory we bring  
The garland tribute of our fondest thought;  
Our tears, like jeweled teardrops cling  
To words we utter here; emotions deep  
Steal silently into each heart  
And perfume with a tender grief this hour  
To soldier dead thus set apart.

The address of the Grand Master summarizes a year of good strong work. From his introduction we take these words applicable to ourselves:

Thus assembling, thus renewing fraternal ties, thus communing and counseling together, may our deliberations meet the approval of the Grand Architect of the Universe and bring to the Craft more of usefulness in our Grand Jurisdiction.

To many, the Annual Communication renews, strengthens, and perpetuates friendships already formed; to many will fall the

lot to here form friendships, now new, but which will strengthen with the passing years, and last as long as life itself.

To those who meet with us for the first time it is our wish that you may feel at home and freely participate in our deliberations. Bear in mind that those who have been in active service must pass on, leaving the work in your hands to carry on.

He laid many Cornerstones as is most fitting, showing a close touch and functioning contact with the public institutions of the Jurisdiction over which he presides.

Under Decisions with regard to residence and domicile he holds that residence is the controlling factor and cites a former decision and an Article regarding the matter in question:

"While attendance at an educational institution for the sole purpose of getting an education is a 'temporary purpose' other elements may be added which may develop such purpose into one of making a home in that place."

The factors of whether L returns to his home in Wauzeka in his vacations and whether he is dependent on that home, in part at least, for his support, are not stated. If that is the fact, the Lodge at Wauzeka has jurisdiction. If not, he may declare his residence at Platteville, and one year from that day Melody Lodge may lawfully receive his petition. As he has not done so according to the statement of facts, the year will commence some time in the future.

#### Other decisions are:

An Entered Apprentice, not being a member of a Lodge, is not qualified to recommend a petitioner.

An expulsion or suspension following a trial is from Masonry, not from any particular Lodge. The status of an expelled or suspended Mason in any particular Lodge follows his status as a Mason.

Can the trustees execute leases of the property of the Lodge without approval or direction of the Lodge?

Answer: No.

Can the trustees notify tenants of the cancellation of their leases without instructions or approval of the Lodge?

Answer: No.

Can a Lodge remove a trustee from office by vote of the Lodge without a trial?

Answer: No.

As to the proportionate and primary responsibility as between the constituent Lodges and Grand Lodge he says:

The burden of extending Masonic aid is primarily upon the Lodge, with full authority to go beyond its own resources, and, if necessary, by assessment call upon the members to thus perform their Masonic obligations, if not voluntarily met.

If after the Lodge and its members have without injury to themselves and families performed their Masonic obligations, the Lodge feels it should have the assistance of the Grand Lodge, request therefor should be presented to the Committee on Charity at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, with a statement of the case, the amount already furnished, and the condition of the Lodge finances.

Do we always realize this in Canada?

Under Foreign Correspondence he makes these with other remarks:

To those who are already acquainted with the valuable information thus culled from the whole Masonic World I do not need to urge its reading, but to those who for the first time have this opportunity, let me urge you, do not fail to carefully read and study this most useful report.

With regard to raising funds he puts it up to the Brethren in this direct way, having a specific purpose in view:

After hearing, last February, the various plans in operation in the other Grand Jurisdictions, I am satisfied that the only way to raise the quota is to raise it.

I think that the idea that each Master Mason has invested his dollar in the Memorial is an important thought.

I remember, following the Civil War, as a very young boy, the school children in this state were asked to buy bricks in the Soldiers' Home, and the ten bricks purchased in my name have always kept alive the thought of the personal interest I had in that institution.

I would not lose the personal interest arising from the actual investment.

Incorporation was asked from the Secretary of State for "St. Andrews Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Colored, of Wisconsin". A protest was entered by Grand Lodge. No charter was granted. This reminds us of a similar occurrence in Ontario.

As to co-ownership with the Eastern Star and other bodies he says:

If the policy to be adopted should forbid co-ownership with fraternal orders, churches, or other non-Masonic associations, it

should not be modified to include the Eastern Star. Nor should the policy be adopted to include the Eastern Star as a co-owning body and exclude one or more or all other non-Masonic associations. The policy should be either to include or exclude all non-Masonic associations without reference to their contact or non-contact with the Craft.

This is his concluding paragraph:

For the honor and opportunity of service I sincerely thank you and in it shall always remain your debtor. To enlarge would simply bring vain repetition. Vain because language has no more adequate expression.

No less than 20 Past Grand Masters strengthened and adorned the Grand East and inspired the younger Brethren with the proper ideal of the continuity of the unity of the Craft.

Bro. Charles A. Adams represented Canada and we are glad to find a few of our Grand Representatives who do their duty.

The Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, point with pride and satisfaction to the universal support accorded to their administration and among many other matters incidental to the present and future refer to this section of the rules covering the admission of their guests:

The Home having been established for the care of the destitute only, all persons who shall be admitted as residents must transfer all their property, real and personal, and assign all their life insurance, to the Trustees of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin to be added to its Masonic Home Fund, and in the event of their receiving by legacy, bequest, or in any other manner while such residents, any real or personal estate, such estate, property or property rights must in like manner be transferred to said Grand Lodge Trustees, except that such resident may have the option of so doing or of accepting honorable discharge from the Home.

The Grand Lecturer shows that he is the right man in the right place, saying among many other words of advice:

No man can easily exaggerate the value and importance of the Esoteric ritual, which always includes the forms of work, signs, and tokens of recognition. In the very nature of things they must always be the most important part of one's Masonry; without it, "no Mason can take any place of importance in the affairs of his Lodge" or in the ranks of the Fraternity and can never fully appreciate the ends and nature of Freemasonry as a speculative science. It is the beginning and foundation of all Masonic understanding.



The laws, rites, traditions, history and practices of the Craft are intelligible only in the light of these formulas.

While all of this is true, it is also just as true, that the ritual alone can never make a man a complete Mason. Without study and thought outside of the ritualistic forms, one can never have more than a meagre and incomplete view of Masonic meanings.

Under Foreign Correspondence Brother Jenks says:

We do not receive visitors in our lodges upon certificates or documentary evidence. They must either be vouched for or proven to be Masons in good standing by strict trial and due examination. Under these conditions visitors will be admitted, on all suitable occasions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider the right of the Grand Master to establish trial commissions to simplify procedure. The Committee leave the matter of the occupancy of Masonic Halls to the primary decisions of the subordinate Lodges.

Further report of the Jurisprudence Committee holds:

It is a violation of Masonic law for a number of Masons to form themselves into a club and meet for social purposes and adopt the name Masonic Club. The organization of any club within the membership of a lodge is forbidden by this Grand Lodge.

The close of the Proceedings is worthy of reproduction as indicating not merely the harmony but the activity of Grand Lodge.

The hospital was then dedicated by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, after which they returned to the Home building, where the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form by Most Worshipful Frank Johnson, Grand Master, peace and harmony prevailing.

The Grand Master speaks with no uncertain sound his disapprobation of Sunday picnics and with regard to the use of Masonic emblems and terms for other than Craft purposes he says and let those that hear him heed:

The principle back of this Edict is to preserve the rights and benefits of Masonry, above and from commercialism, and forbids initiation of negotiations with the attraction of Masonic equality.

The Grand Lodge does not attempt to pass upon the merits of any commodity offered to the Masons of Wisconsin, nor does it attempt to stand as guardian between the fifty thousand Masons under its jurisdiction and those whose offers are without the civil law, but it does say to all Masons within its jurisdiction: "You

shall not approach a Craftsman and say: 'I am a Mason, you are a Mason, you can with confidence accept what I offer'."

It is un-Masonic to furnish under any form or guise, any list of the membership of the Craft to any person or persons whomsoever, except for strictly Masonic purposes.

R.W. Bro. Henry Rush of Peterboro represents Wisconsin in Canada.

The report on Correspondence is in the able and experienced charge of M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks who finds much of interest in his worthy survey.

Canada is treated in friendly and fraternal spirit. His review says:

This session of the Grand Lodge was a veritable Love Feast. Many distinguished visitors were present from other Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Master vied with them in saying nice things of them and the Grand Lodges they represented. All went merry as a marriage bell.

The Grand Master complained of "trafficking in and barefaced selling and buying of what purports to be copies of our ritual and secret work", etc.

There is just one way to prevent this and that is by destroying your rituals of the secret work and return to the "mouth to ear" method of imparting instruction.

We agree that it is time to "call a halt or the grist will be spoiled by these high powered artists of milling legerdemain".

With regard to the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s he says what many reviewers say but it has to be remembered that local interest must be preserved as well as the broad horizon touch:

We have tried to imagine some useful purpose subserved by the publication of these reports, but for the life of us we can think of none. We presume, however, that the printer is enthusiastically in favor of their publication.

We regret exceedingly to find that Wisconsin was not reviewed in 1923 by us.

Connecticut gives him the following thought about K.K.K.

We strongly suspect that this much talked of organization is being exploited largely for the purpose of obtaining fees for initiation and that its activities are intended more for spectacular effect and advertising purposes than with a serious intent to effect anything to carry out its ostensible purposes.

The dual language problem finds expression in Wisconsin especially on account of the number of citizens of German birth in that State. Our colleague says:

A petition from a number of German Masons asking permission to conduct initiations in other than the English language was denied. This shows that the animosities and prejudices of the late war have not been entirely forgotten.

West Virginia gives this opportunity which we are pleased to reproduce:

He agrees with the writer in his criticism of the policy of Grand Lodges that publish a roster of their members with their proceedings, although his own Grand Lodge is an offender in this particular.

He is opposed to the publication of ciphers and keys of the work, saying:

"There is but one way to handle the esoteric part of Masonry, and that is 'from mouth to ear', and the closer we adhere to it, the better it will be for the Order."

Frank Johnson, Black River Falls, Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

## WYOMING

M.W. J. W. Stuchell, Grand Master.

Members 7,207. Increase 334.

A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Cody, May 17th, 1924, to lay Cornerstones of Community Hall at Sage Creek and the Buffalo Bill Memorial Statue at Cody, after which as the phrase is used—"the Lodge was closed in form, peace and harmony prevailing."

A special Communication was also held at Cheyenne to lay the Cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication was held in Laramie where the original four Lodges had met fifty years before to constitute Grand Lodge, on the 27th August, 1924.

A splendid escort of 15 Past Grand Masters supported and cheered the Grand Master and his official family.

The address of welcome by Bro. McCullough was peculiarly appropriate:

It is fitting at this time that the Grand Lodge be held in Laramie, where fifty years ago the first Grand Lodge of Wyoming was organized. Laramie was then strictly a village, but it gradually became one of the industrial centers of the state, and the mecca to which high school students seeking higher education wend their way. The city of Laramie is now the seat of the best, or one of the best, universities in this country; not a Laramie institution, but an institution of the whole state of Wyoming and for the whole world. It is fitting at a time like this that the Masonic institution, which stands for the better and higher things of life and the development of the best in mankind, should meet here at this time, and I hope each one of you will thoroughly investigate conditions here and at the University, and when you return home will have made up your minds that your sons and your daughters will be students at the State University, that they may have the benefit and privilege of associating with those boys and girls who will be the leading men and women of this state, forming ties of friendship with those persons whom they must later be associated with in the professional and business and every-day affairs of life, that they may build up their own communities and be loyal to your State University and this your state.

And the Grand Lecturer responded eloquently:

Masonry stood for the doctrine of the equality of man in all parts of the country and in all parts of the world. It has occurred to me that only in democracies among free people has the Masonic institution flourished, and where democracy does not exist, there Masonry is having a hard time. We believe in democracy; we believe in the public school, because without general education scattered throughout the populace, democracy is impossible.

The Grand Master's address was also a report. In his introduction he says courageously:

Masonry, with its conservative thought, unselfish spirit, and sincerity of purpose, is a steadying influence in the social, civic and commercial problems of every community.

Every Mason should contribute his bit to the welfare of the community in which he lives, and stand for the integrity of the law and obedience to the constituted authority.

I sometimes wonder if we are not altogether too lenient with some who hold membership with us, and who, by their own acts, either break the law or flirt so close to the edge of the troubled waters as to endanger the peace and harmony of the lodge itself in some communities. Let us not be timid about these matters, lest by our silence we may be judged as giving consent.

He speaks thus of an interesting publication which he discovered at Douglas:



It was here I was introduced to the "A-B-C- of Freemasonry," a small booklet containing a very interesting and instructive lecture to newly-admitted Master Masons, and it is a good contribution to the education of our new members. I have since secured and distributed a number of copies to those completing this degree upon my visitation. I recommend it.

Of the Masonic Service Association literature he says, with a word of commendation also for "The Master Mason":

These bulletins are now being received by each lodge in this jurisdiction and I would earnestly urge every lodge to do its part in getting this matter before the members of the Craft. This association is yours, and it rests entirely with the officers of the lodges whether this service shall fulfill the purposes for which it is intended.

And concludes:

If you have anything of interest to propose for the betterment of the fraternity generally, or that will lead to a better understanding of the work which we are striving to accomplish, let it be known.

M.W. Bro. Hart, Grand Master of Montana, was accorded grand honours and in his address said:

Your conditions are a great deal the same as they are in Montana; we are situated a great deal alike; our industrial and civic conditions are on a par with yours; we have the same troubles and the same difficulties, joys and pleasures, and the line between Wyoming and Montana is purely imaginary. We have the same drought conditions that you have in more ways than one, although I admit we are situated a little better than you are because we are bounded by Canada on the north. But we have a great deal in common—you not long ago furnished the Tea Pot Dome, but we furnished the can opener.

A touching address was made by the only survivor of the foundation of Grand Lodge fifty years ago, Bro. A. C. Brown.

The Committees on Necrology of the United States Jurisdictions always discover some poetry that goes home and expresses some sentiments that are not cant:

"How purposeless the strife would be if there were nothing more,  
If there were not a plan to serve, an end to struggle for!  
No reason for a mortal's birth except to have him die—  
How silly all the goals would seem for which men bravely try."

We submit these thoughts to those of our Fraternity who have been visited by the messenger sometimes called grim, but which we do not so characterize, with the hope that some inspiration and cheer may come to them to carry on with true and Divine courage.

A most satisfying and vivid historical sketch of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming from 1874 was submitted, and is printed in the Proceedings. It describes the meeting of 20 Master Masons, members of immigrant trains opening a Master Mason's Lodge on Independence Rock, July 4th, 1862, and is thus delineated by the veteran Brother, Asa Brown before alluded to:

But some of us determined on having some sort of recognition, as well as remembrance, of the day and place, and so about the time when the "Sun sets in the West to close the day," about twenty who could mutually vouch, and, so to speak, inter-vouch for each other, wended their way to the summit of the Rock, and soon discovered a recess, or rather depression, in the Rock, the "form and situation" of which seemed prepared by nature for our especial use.

An Altar of twelve stones was improvised, to which a more thoughtful or patriotic brother, added a thirteenth, as emblematical of the original Colonies, and being elected to the East by acclamation, I was duly installed in (i. e., led to) the original granite seat. The several stations and places were filled, and the tyler, a venerable brother, with flowing hair and beard of almost snowy whiteness, took his place "without the Western Gate," on a pinnacle which gave him a perfect command of view over the entire summit of the Rock, so that he could easily guard us against the approach of all, either ascending or descending.

Then follows the 1920 meeting thus recorded:

The Meeting was held in the same depression in the Rock that the first meeting was held; the same Bible was used on the altar that was used at the meeting fifty-eight years before, the altar was built of thirteen stones as the first altar was built, and in fact the "Lodge Room" was fixed up as nearly like the first as was possible.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is again written by the competent and experienced Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, who quotes an old Grand Master as saying 50 years ago that which we believe is still true:

I believe that in no way can so much valuable information be obtained as through the reports of the Committee on Correspondence.

California receives a most interesting review and the Grand Master gives us something to think of in Canada:

A good Mason is a good citizen, and a good citizen will watch with the closest attention the various municipal, county, state and federal problems that are presented for his determination at the polls.

A good Mason, performing his duty as a good citizen, will likewise watch closely such matters as those that affect the schools of the land; matters dealing with immigration; with the selection of individuals to public office, and all these problems come within the scope of the duties of Masons as good citizens. Let us bear in mind that this is a nation of individual rulers; each citizen being a part and parcel of this great government, thus forming a country with more than 110,000,000 rulers. Masons, as a class of men, should at all times remember the words of our illustrious Brother Patrick Henry when he warned that 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.'

Under Canada our colleague quotes extensively from our address, emphasizing the welcome given to the guests in the following words:

"To all these our guests, from the Provinces—the Great Republic and the Empire, we extend cordial fellowship and good-will, of which our Craft is the happy and concordant exponent. You are our ain folk—brethren of our own tribes and families."

The report on the Condition of Masonry is cited approvingly:

The Board of Custodians of Masonry report that general harmony prevails and that the ceremonial and business work of the lodges is well looked after. The membership is increasing, the leaders in the Craft are men of standing and ability, the traditional landmarks have been respected and any misunderstandings that may have clouded the repute of the order in the estimation of the outside world have been largely removed.

In these words under West Virginia Bro. Lowndes closes his excellent review:

I have gone through the proceedings of many Grand Lodges and as I have gone through them my attention has been called sharply to the fact that more and more Freemasons are beginning to see and to recognize the danger which is existent in pseudo-Masonic organizations—organizations which have nothing whatsoever to do with Freemasonry and no man can belong to them except he be a Freemason, soon become identified in the minds of the laymen, the outside public, with a Masonic standing which they have not, and many times lead to the detriment of Freemasonry in the estimation of those with whom it would stand well.

M.W. John Ira Kirby, Buffalo, Wyoming, Grand Master.

R.W. Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, Grand Secretary.

## AFTERWORD

Two great outstanding Reports will be found under *England*, that of Lord Amphill and his colleagues with regard to their visit to Canada, and that of Sir Alfred Robbins describing his reception in the

United States. Under several of the ten United States Jurisdictions which he officially attended, may be read extracts from his inspiring and persuasive speeches. Canada, as the neighborly interpreter, and he as the Ambassador of good will, have done much to strengthen the ties and make permanent the peace between the two English-speaking branches of the "radiant race" to whom as freemen Freemasonry has always appealed so strongly. There is no latitude or longitude—no border-line of cleavage—between us as Master Craftsmen in Nation-building. The Golden Rule runs everywhere—and the two Flags with their loyal symbolism, float in the beams of a ceaseless morning—in the lands of Hope and Glory.

Your Reviewer's earnest conviction that Ontario is ripe for a Masonic Home is well known—and much information can be found as to the universal success attained by these great philanthropies throughout the United States. Pennsylvania sends a special message to Canada. Jurisdictions of less than a quarter of our numerical strength glory in their Homes—their shrines of loving justice for those who need.

Throughout this Review it will be noticed that the so-called smaller Jurisdictions have great big hearts and leaders of intellect and fervour. Rich material for study, with light and delight, are afforded by their Proceedings.

The virus of unrest has found its serum. Masters are no longer obsessed by "counting heads." Members on paper are neither pillars, columns nor ornaments. Calibre and calories count.

Your Reviewer also has preached much on the pressing, persistent and often perplexing problem of the *Boy*, and therefore has in this Review cited several



references to De Molay and other Orders. It is for Grand Lodge to say whether any similar Canadian activity should be sponsored or approved in Ontario.

As to the many other Organizations which make good standing in the Craft as Master Masons—or some direct relationship thereto—a condition precedent of membership—it will be seen by these Reports how live and dangerous a topic it is, especially in United States Grand Bodies. The disintegrating and dissipating craze for this kind of thing appears, however, to be lulling a little, and the fundamental basic Lodge unit (inspiration and sanctuary in one), is coming again into its own. One good, perhaps, has been accomplished indirectly—there are now few drones among Lodge Officers—a new breeze is blowing—average mediocrity is no longer enough—there must be impetus, impulse, purpose and living working tools. The Craft is in action, but with the consciousness born of experience that *Via trita, via tuta.*

Among the outstanding events of the past year indicative to a certain extent of the trend of the times, have been the withdrawal of the great Jurisdiction of New York from membership in the International Masonic Association in 1924, and their terminating of fraternal recognition and intercourse with the Grand Orient of Belgium in 1925, because the latter have “abandoned the requirement of belief in God and have removed the Bible from their altars.”

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina and Louisiana are sympathetic with New York in these decisions—the two first, however, largely on the question of the invasion of Jurisdiction by France and Germany. The whole subject is ably and courteously discussed by Grand Master Rowan, of New York, in the March “Builder” and by M.W. Bro. Scudder, of New York, in the April issue.

There are two great schools of thought in the Masonic fraternity—the Anglo-Saxon and the Latin Schools. Let us all pray and work for good accord, but never forgetting that we are Defenders of the Faith as well as doers of the Word.

And now farewell to one another but not to the things for which we stand—the positive not the negative—the noble not the ignoble. Let us all together strive as co-workers and co-trustees of the creative and progressive Craft, to augment the heritable excellence of the National Life.

*Fac et spera.*

“One stone the more swings to her place.”

WILLIAM N. PONTON, I.P.G.M.



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